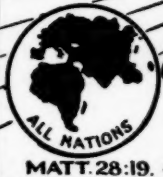




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GOD'S LOVE

THE
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The Pierian Stream

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TRUTH

"My little children love one another"

The Pierian spring is a mystical tide,
It flows in every land to-day;
Many have never seen or tasted its waters,
Who have gone to the end of the way.

They did not discern the depth of its flow,
Or the trial that led to its brink;
It's a tiny little brook slyly flowing by—
Some were never permitted to drink.

John must have found this swelling stream,
Since his words were freighted with grace;
He must have been directed by the heavenly dove,
To discover this wonderful place.

—M. S. Lemons.

THE GROUND OF



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

I would be glad to get in touch with any one having a tent for sale. State condition and price in first letter.—E. L. Moore, Fourth and Holly, Sanford, Fla.

There will be a home coming at Ludville, Ga., July 19. We extend a hearty invitation to all. Come and bring your lunch and let's enjoy the day. The revival is expected to start then and we solicit your prayers and co-operation through all the services.—Paul H. Jackson, pastor, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

To all the ministers and churches on the Marion, Va. district: This is to remind you that all ministers are to give 25c and all churches are to take a special offering on the first Sunday in July for the purpose of defraying the expenses of our state convention which is to soon convene. Send the offering to C. W. Collins, treasurer, 56 Buffey St., Salem, Va. Please be loyal in performing this duty and help make an ideal district.—Bun E. Hicks, district overseer, 360 Calhoun St., Wytheville, Va.

To the ministry and laity of the churches on the Bluefield, Va. district, and the churches and saints in the surrounding territory, especially the members of the Pounding Mill church: There will be a home coming—all-day meeting—and dinner on the ground at the Pounding Mill Church of God on July 12. Everybody is invited to attend this meeting. We are expecting the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to be present and have full control. There will be different speakers on the program. Preachers, come prepared to speak if called on. Every one who can, please bring something good to eat. On this day we want to try to go over the top with our 40c per member for general indebtedness, and 10c per member for aged ministers, as ruled by the General Assembly. Members, please be loyal and respond to this worthy cause. If you can not be there, please mail your quota to the church clerk before that time. The clerk is Brother Thomas Cochran, Clifffield, Va. Every one please bring 75c or \$1.00 for this day as there will possibly be some who are not able to pay their part. God will richly bless us if we sacrifice and do our best. May God richly bless you all.—Your humble servant, A. J. Cox, district overseer, Seaboard, Va.

To the Church of God on the Petersburg, W. Va. district: Our district convention will convene at Elkins, W. Va.

July 10-12. We ask every church on the district to please have a delegation at this meeting, also please take an offering and a pounding to feed the people at the convention, and turn it over to Brother C. W. Florence who is pastor of the Church of God in Elkins. We are expecting a great time in the Lord and will be looking for you. Our state overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, will be with us, D. V. I know you will enjoy his messages and good fatherly advice. We are expecting many good preachers and you will miss something if you are not present. Brother pastors, please have your missions up to date at this meeting, as it is a rule.

Great Awakening

The following is just a part of a letter from Brother John L. Stephens:

"We are experiencing a great awakening, with a revival spirit over the state. Have organized two new churches since the state meeting, and on my way to organize another tomorrow night (June 20), the Lord willing. While a number of places are ripening, every department of the Church is prospering. The outlook bids fair for a very prosperous season throughout the state, for which we feel grateful."

May God bless you, Brother Stephens. We are delighted to hear this good news.

—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

ing that each church pay an amount equal to 5 per cent of the tithes paid in. Also, don't forget the aged ministers fund. Your church is assessed 10c per member for them. And be sure to raise your 25c per member for the camp meeting site. Now we are depending on you, brethren, and we believe you will co-operate with us and we will go over the top this year with all our assessments and all that we are required to do. Then we will all be happy to know that we have been loyal. Young people, we will be looking for you at the convention with a nice Y. P. E. program, so be sure to come and let us have a good time together.—Your humble servant, Howard Statum, district overseer, Bayard, W. Va.

A revival will begin at the Church of God at Moorhead, Miss., the first Sunday in July. Sister Ora Mae Ruff will be in charge. We invite all the neighboring churches, and we earnestly desire your prayers that God will give a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost here, that souls in this town and country far and near might be stirred as never before.—Humbly, Mrs. W. K. Aaron, Moorhead, Miss.

There will be an all-day service at Brookside church on July 5. Chicken dinner will be served. Please come, one and all. We are expecting Brother G. C. Dunn, our overseer, to be with us. We especially invite all preachers near-by to come. Churches, come and bring something good to eat.—G. W. Padgett, Rt. 1, Winfield, Ala.

We are in a revival at the Church of God, Hattiesburg, Miss. Sister Morgan is preaching the Word in its power and purity. Pray for us.—A. J. Gardner, pastor.

I would like for some good Church of God preacher, one that stands foursquare for the Church, to come and hold us a meeting. This is a needy place. There is no church here but we have been having prayer meetings all winter and spring. Two have been saved. Pray that God will send us a Holy Ghost preacher.—Your brother in Christ, S. D. Jones, Wavley Rd., Columbus, Miss.

There will be a Church of God annual singing convention in Brookside the first Sunday in September. All singers are invited. Come, one and all. Let us make this the best singing in the state. Come, feel welcome and at home.—Yours for the Lord, G. W. Padgett, pastor, Rt. 1, Winfield, Ala.

The Greenville, S. C. district Sunday School convention will convene at Greer Church of God, July 12, beginning at 11 a. m. Pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and all church officials are especially urged to be present and bring all delegates possible. A cordial invitation is extended to all neighboring churches.—C. F. Grant, state S. S. and Y. P. E. Supt. of South Carolina, Spartanburg, S. C.

The Church of God at Charleston, W. Va. is in a large tent for the summer. We are having a good revival meeting each night and all the people from other churches near by are invited to come and enjoy the feast. Come up Watts St., off Washington St., to the top of Suans Hill at Darty St., opposite the cemetery.—H. L. Patrick, pastor, Charleston, W. Va.

As I have been elected state secretary and treasurer of the Y. P. E. for Florida, I am here giving my address, which is P. O. Box 212, Lakeland, Fla.—M. M. Thomas.

A revival will begin at the Church of God in Harlan, Ky., June 29. D. C. Rayhill will be in charge. Pray that God will give us many souls and please come and help us. You are welcome.—Solomon Scalf, pastor, Box 626, Harlan, Ky.

The Comforter

BY H. L. MEDLEY

"But when the Comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."—St. John 15:26.

I HAVE been impressed to write on this important subject for some time. There is a way for us to know and the Bible makes it plain that we can know, when the Holy Ghost comes into our lives. Some say when we get saved or born again, others say when we get sanctified. But, dear reader, let God's Word settle the question, the Word of God rightly divided will settle any controversy.

Jesus says, in the last clause of the 17th verse of the 14th chapter of St. John, "For he dwelleth with you and shall be in you." Jesus says, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." Matthew 18:16. "I indeed have baptized you with water but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." Mark 1:8. John answered saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Luke 3:16. "For John truly baptized with water but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:5.

We do not teach to seek tongues as some accuse us, but when the Holy Ghost comes into our lives, we will have the same evidence as the early disciples at Pentecost had. John promised the Holy Ghost to all those whom he baptized. This tears down the theory of some, that just the apostles received the Holy Ghost. Jesus reassured the promise of the Holy Ghost to His disciples just before His ascension. Acts 1:5.

Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive," John 14:15, 16. After the disciples returned from the mount that is called Olivet, back to Jerusalem, they went up into the upper room, there they found all the apostles except Judas. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. In fact, Peter said the number of names was about one hundred and twenty. What were they there for? Read Acts 2:1-4. "And

when the day of Pentecost was fully come."

The Old Testament is filled up with types and shadows. Hebrews 10:1 speaks about the law having a shadow of good things to come. Leviticus 23:4, "These are feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons." All Bible readers will admit that most all these feasts have been fulfilled. The one I want to speak of is in the 15th and 16th verses. "And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord." This was fulfilled in Acts 2:1. Pentecost means the fiftieth day. That was why all of those foreign born Jews were at Jerusalem. They were there observing these feasts.

The disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost fifty days after Jesus was raised from the dead, a fulfillment of the Old Testament type of the sheaf the priest waved before the Lord, and beautiful type of Jesus' resurrection. We read further that they were all—one hundred and twenty—with one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

There are teachers in these last days who are confusing the minds of the people. I know precious people who have seen the light on the baptism of the Holy Ghost but on account of certain teachers that say that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is not for everybody, they quote from 1st Corinthians 12:30, that it is the gift of tongues and that not everyone gets this gift. Now there is a difference in the baptism of the Holy Ghost, as in Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46, and several other places given in the Bible, and the gift of tongues. No one receives any of these gifts until after he is filled with the Holy Ghost.

The gifts were not set in the Church of God until after Pentecost. Some of the different churches of to-day will have some of the gifts but when they come to divers kinds of tongues they won't have that gift. The only place it

is welcome is in the Church of God. God set them in His Church and no man can take them out. Some will say, "I know they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spake with tongues in the early days of the Church, but when the last apostle died, speaking in tongues ceased." That is just man's theory. The apostle Paul said, "Let every man be a liar but God the truth." Let us look at some of the witnesses that are in the Bible.

Jesus said, "When the Comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me and ye shall also bear witness," John 15:26, 27. "Howbeit when he the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come," John 16:13. That's why we maintain that the Bible teaches that when the Holy Ghost comes into our lives, He, the Holy Ghost, will take control of our vocal organs and speak through the individual.

Nearly all Bible readers will agree that the Holy Ghost is a person. There was a time when God spake direct to man, such as Adam, Cain, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and many others. When Jesus came in the flesh, the second person of the trinity, He spake and taught the people for a period of time. Now, if God spake and His Son talked, would it not seem reasonable for the Holy Ghost to talk, as He is the third person of the trinity? Acts 2:7, 8. "And they were amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born?" These foreign Jews knew that this was something out of the ordinary. If they had spoken the Hebrew tongue they would not have been alarmed, but they knew that they were common, unlearned Jews, and just knew the Hebrew tongue. But there were mockers there just like there are to-day, that said, "They are full of new wine." People to-day say that it is all of the devil, but thank the Lord they don't know!

Peter soon broke the silence by saying, "These are not drunken as ye suppose—they are full of the Spirit." No doubt they acted like drunk people, just like anyone does to-day when he gets close enough to God and lets Him fill him with His Spirit. It was Joel's prophecy fulfilled. Some say that Joel doesn't say anything about speaking in tongues. That is true enough, but listen what Peter says: "This is that." He was talking about Joel's prophecy, something over seven hundred years previous. I

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The Publishing House is moving forward in the same good way and everybody is busy shipping literature, printing such things as we feel would be a blessing to the people. If there ever has been a time when the Christians should wake up and acquaint themselves with the conditions that exist, it is now. We have good books on most every subject and you would do well to learn what is going on.



POLITICAL DISTURBANCES

The two leading parties in the United States are at arms again over the presidential election. It wouldn't surprise me if Jesus were to come before this wrangle is settled, and when we think about the different opinions and doctrines taught by Christians, it makes us shudder. God help us that we may not go the way of all the world. In John 12:35 Jesus said walk while it is yet light lest darkness come upon you. Of course, He was speaking to the people concerning Himself and referred to the light and truth that He had brought to the world. Then we might make another comparison of this verse. This has been an age of light and God has revealed to His servants His plan of salvation and thousands have walked therein, but there is coming a day of darkness when all the world will be overtaken and if you haven't got oil in your vessel with your lamp you will be left in the tribulation week spoken of in Dan. 9:27. I feel that we should appreciate our Christian liberty and pull together as never before for the uplift of all the saved of earth and for the salvation of the lost.



UNIVERSAL WAR

St. Matt. 24:6, 7, 8. "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not

yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

The inevitability of war among unregenerate mankind history proves. The Russian author Novikow says: "From the year 1496 B. C. to A. D. 1862 in 3,358 years, there were 227 years of peace and 3,130 years of war. Within the last three centuries there have been 286 wars in Europe. From the year 1500 B. C. to A. D. 1860 more than 8,000 treaties of peace, meant to remain in force for ever, were concluded. The average time they remained in force was two years." We have lived to see the crowning example. In August, 1914, nine declarations of war; masses of men utterly unprecedented in the history of the world—twenty-five millions—were hurled at one another; each of the five Great Powers handled an army larger than any nation ever mustered before; and literally half of mankind—nine hundred millions—were involved in murderous conflict by land, sea and air.

When we think of the war in Ethiopia and how they were burned alive and villages occupied only by women and children were blown to pieces, it is enough to make us almost lose our breath, but these are the things that the prophet said would happen just before the coming of Jesus. How active are the seething passions which create war. From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even from your lusts that war in your members? James 4:1. Of course, James was talking about war and disturbances among the members of the church, but this has a double meaning and you can apply it to the wars of the nations and the disturbed condition that is existing to-day.

One of the most alarming things we can think of is the condition of the governments. It is said by those who are in position to know that France, England, United States and Russia are fol-

lowing almost the same governmental policy. This is a sign of the last days and in my opinion the only safe thing to do is to get ready for the coming of Jesus regardless of what it may cost us. One of the startling facts put out by the authority on war is that Germany is re-arming herself. This fact, when we think of it seriously, is enough to bring us to our knees. Think about a nation that fought almost the entire world and came near conquering before the United States could get her forces there to check her onward move! With the treaty signed by Germany and the obligation broke when she marched into the Rhine, it is enough to put most all of her promises and obligations in the background. Seventy million people with the technical weapon of modern war and at the same time instilling in the hearts of its youth and manhood the most extreme, patriotic, nationalistic and militaristic conceptions, shows the determination that Germany has to conquer the world. And this spirit of bloodthirst is running rampant over the entire world and it seems that the demon of war is now possessing every nation.

In the face of all these disturbances we feel that the return of the Lord is the next great event for the Christians, and while the world is watching for peace and depending on the League of Nations to bring the ultimate results, we feel that disturbances and outbreaks of war will continue until Jesus comes; and that man of sin will be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Paul says, "Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time." I am satisfied that the thing that is withholding the Antichrist powers is the blessed Holy Ghost working now among the people. But one thing is certain, the clouds of war and disturbance are hanging over this world and no one seems to have perfect peace any more.

With all the boast that holiness movements are making of their success, there is an after-effect that tells us so plainly that disturbances and conflicts are abroad. We get a half dozen holiness papers in this office and they are filled with thoughts and reports of the workings of the enemy. While it is true that God is working and many hearts are being blessed, yet the spirit of iniquity is abounding and the love of many is waxing cold. These are true signs of the last day.

When we see the advance of Italy, how
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Our Children's Education

A. B. DIXON, Gasparilla, Fla.

This subject has given me more concern than most anything relative to my children: Proverbs 22 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." And regardless of all the bad children of our good people, "Let God be true and every man a liar." This being true, it behooves me and every true parent, that is interested in our children and the Church of God (because our children should be Church of God material), to begin to seek the way our children should go. My children may all go from the death cell to the grave, but I believe I will still believe the Bible, unless I get like some of our children of our theologians of to-day—able to explain away its significance.

There is a great cry going up, that "we want our children educated." And that is as it should be. Every true father and mother wants their children educated. But let me say to you, father and mother, it is certainly not necessary that you worry about your children being educated. Every child will be educated, but how? I would rather my children never know U from an ox yoke, and go to heaven, than have them graduate from every college in America, and miss heaven. Every child is going to learn; don't worry about that. But what mine are going to learn, is giving me much concern. So it becomes my duty to find the way my child should go and train them up in it.

We have a good Bible School, and I am much interested in it. To the person who is going to engage in gospel work, it is very helpful, and I can recommend it for anyone, because you will actually be better prepared to worship God, if you learn to sing and read the Bible intelligibly, but all our children aren't going to be preachers. We need good godly men and women in every walk of life to-day. And they need education, to know how to perform the duties that are entrusted to them, in the world of business and commerce. And if they are only going to be farmers, an education will be very helpful.

Many of our good people are risking the souls of their children, trying to get the little good teaching that the high schools of the country have to offer, but there is a pound of bad for every ounce of good in the high schools. And it is appalling to have to think of sending them to the colleges of to-day.

What we need is a good college, where we can teach our children the many dif-

ferent occupations that there are to be followed, along with our good Bible teaching, without them having to study all the non-essential junk that is taught at other places. Also, we need an industrial school where young men and women who are not able to pay their way, can get an education without having to pay cash for it, and learn to do things by doing them. We can have all this, and I am trying this method of getting it before our good people, to see if I cannot get them to join us in working it out, so we can have a place to educate our children, because I know there are many others who are having the same concern as we.

We hear the complaint that it is so hard to get people to give, and really this looks a huge undertaking, but I believe it can be worked out so it will not be necessary for anybody to give one penny, and we can have a school all our own, with our own money, educate our own children, and any body's children that will conform to our rules and teachings. Really, we are God's children, and why be such a "bunch" of beggars? He has promised to supply our needs, and if our children don't need an education, let's quit sending them to places they are now going. If they do need an education, let's work for the promise, and provide an education that will not be detrimental to them.

Some people buy education insurance, which is only investing their money in stocks and bonds, thru some big company, and saving it until it is time for the child to go to college. That is not to be condemned, but you are not providing a college that is going to train them in the way they should go. Why not use that same money to provide a college of our own? and those of us who see no hope for our boys and girls to have a college education, can have it, if we work together, and faithfully. If you are not now providing for your child's education, it is your duty to him or them, and let's begin now.

I believe we can work out a plan that will give us just the school we need, and it will be the best investment any of us ever made. We can organize a company, with one thousand shares, at a value of one hundred dollars each (which will amount to one hundred thousand dollars), to be paid back with six per cent interest after ten years, the interest to compound yearly. By this method each one hundred dollar unit would amount to one hundred sixty-nine dollars and

forty-six cents in ten years. This could be paid to the beneficiary named by the purchaser, by schooling them, under the rules in vogue at the time of enrollment. Those who did not wish educational insurance, we could pay them in money. And we could have shares that would not be paid back, the owner just receiving the interest continuously.

The school would, of course, be controlled and directed, by the officials of the Church. And I believe it would be very easy to sell many more than a thousand shares in it. I think it is a good way for our people to insure the education of their children, in a school that won't wreck them with education.

With the money obtained from the sales of these shares, we could buy a farm large enough to grow all the food needed by the school, and plenty of surplus; we could have plants for processing and milling the surplus, and we could have industrial plants for manufacturing other commodities, at the same time teaching the students to do all these different things. I am sure that our people would be glad to buy the things they need from their own manufacturing plants. Instead of the students going to school thru the winter, and spending the summer wondering if they will be able to attend the next winter, they can stay at the school the year round, and make preparation for the winter. At the same time, they will be in training for every phase of life from producing to selling.

I am not offering this as a finished plan. There would be many things to work out. I do not say it is the best plan, there may be many more, and if we tried any one plan, and it worked ever so good, we would not know it was the best plan, because it could be possible that one of the plans not tried would be better. Those are things never known. I am only offering this as a suggestion, something to start with, with the hope that some of my good brethren will join me in working out a plan. I think a very good place for discussion of the subject will be thru the Evangel, if that is permissible. Please give this matter your prayerful consideration and let's do something for the Lord.

Your brother, for the upbuilding of the Church and humanity.

The best way to advertise the true religion of Jesus Christ is to live it in our everyday lives and practice it in our business as well as profess it while in the church building.

The Soul

BY H. E. DRIGGERS

IN writing on this subject, I am endeavoring by God's help to help some poor soul that the devil has bound in deceit. It is a fact that the enemy has poisoned the minds of the people by atheism in this day, but we, the children of God, know in whom we trust. We can sing praises unto Christ our Redeemer for a full salvation and an assurance of a resting place for our souls.

Text: Gen. 1:26; 2:7, "And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (not a dead one). Now the atheists teach that there is no God. In Psalms 14:1 we find these words, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." It does not say that he has convinced his heart that there is no God. They teach that there is no hereafter, no soul; but God said man became a living soul. If there is no God, why does the infidel take God's name in vain? That shows that he has enough godly instinct to teach him there is a God. If not, why do they use His name? If there is no God, there is no use to teach against Him. But God says He made man a living soul.

When God created man, we notice He first made the body for the soul to dwell in. He was not yet a living soul. The body is only a temporary dwelling place for the soul. Then we notice God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. To prove the soul is still alive after taking flight from this body, we notice 1 Cor. 13:12. The apostle Paul says in the latter clause, "But then shall I know even as also I am known." Paul declares that even after death has claimed his spirit, he shall know as he is known. Won't that be wonderful?

I one time heard a minister, in conducting a funeral, declare that we shall not know each other up there. Such a remark is unscriptural. To prove it is not scriptural, we look at Luke 16:23, 24: "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." This shows that man shall know in the hereafter. Dives, the rich man, died and in hell he lifted up his eyes. He saw Lazarus in Father Abraham's bosom.

He said he was tormented in the flame, which shows that the soul is the person, for it has the same mind, feeling, and sight in the hereafter as in this present world.

THE DESTINATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS SOUL

We know that we are going somewhere, and it is up to us to select our destination. In Heb. 9:27 we hear the apostle Paul say, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." In Ecclesiastes we find these words, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit (or soul) shall return unto God who gave it." We know if we live a righteous life in this world, God will receive us unto Himself. We hear Jesus say in St. John 14:3, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." What a great consolation to the child of God, to know that Jesus is coming back for us and our future abode is with Him! Rev. 21:7, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." This is the destination of the righteous soul. How encouraging to know that where Jesus is we shall be also!

THE DESTINATION OF THE WICKED SOUL

Psa. 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God." We notice that in some nations today they have forgotten God. They have torn down God's house and made a house of amusements of it, to use it for debauchery and every other vile crime possible, to fill the lust of the flesh, to drag innocent souls down to hell. People, it is horrible to think of such things, but it is true. We should be thankful for the stars and stripes, for the United States, a place where we can worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. But, dear hearts, there is coming a time when the people of God here will no doubt have to worship God in secret; but on with the wicked. Job says that he shall perish forever. Who? The wicked soul and the nations that forget God.

We know that the wicked shall be in everlasting destruction. Rev. 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Therefore, if

there is no soul, why is the wicked cast into the lake of fire? If they have no feeling, it would be a mighty dumb thing of God to put them in a lake of fire, and not punish them for this wickedness.

God is going to give rest to the righteous, I am sure. Praise God! Job further says in 21:30 that "the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction, they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath." The wicked soul, dear hearts, will have to face and endure the wrath of a sin-hating God. Let's live a little closer to God, for Jesus is coming soon. I cannot find a scripture in the New Testament that is not fulfilled concerning His coming. Let's be true, keep our lamps trimmed and burning, and do like Paul said he did. He said he died daily, not a physical death, but to the world and the lust of the flesh. We must be unspotted from the world if we go when He comes. David says in Psa. 145:20, "The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will be destroyed." Let's tell others of this great salvation, bought on Calvary by our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord. He that winneth is wise.

New Church Set in Order

BAXLEY, Ga. — We have a new church. Yes sir! Where? On the Hazlehurst, Ga. district, set in order by the writer, who is district overseer. We have twelve members to start with with eight more to follow, making a total of twenty. We ask all to pray much that God will bless our work this year and that we will be able to win souls for Him.—J. A. Hipps.

Blesses Our Weakest Efforts For Him

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Our district convention must not go unmentioned, which was held April 24-26. We are glad to tell the world how Jesus will bless His children when they gather together, for we know when two or three gather in His name, He is in the midst to own and bless, even our weakest effort.

Brother Cross fed our souls wonderfully, especially his message to the preachers and their wives. We had the privilege of being in our new home for convention too, which is located at Meridian and Berry Streets.

Brother and Sister Lyle, and Brother and Sister Bryant from Campaign were with us, also a brother and his family from Kentucky. Pray for God to continue to bless our church that it may be as a lighthouse set on a hill.—Your sister in Christ, Elsie Lindsey, 4902 Alabama Ave.

REVIVALS

BROCKDELL, Tenn.—We started a revival May 31 at Brockdell, conducted by the pastor, with Sister Amy Kilgore from Dunlap doing the preaching. Eight were saved, six sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, and six baptized in water. There were large crowds at this meeting.—Dick Lewis, pastor.

THOMASTON, Ga.—I thank the Lord for the good revival which just closed here. It started May 10 and closed June 7. The Lord surely did bless. Five were saved, four sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church (one by transfer), and six were baptized in water. The whole church was edified. Brother James Elliott was in charge. Brother and Sister Ming, Sister Eunice Martin, pastor and wife, and Brother and Sister Toler assisted. Every one who reads this please pray for the Church of God here in Thomaston, Ga. Please pray for your old sister in Christ.—Mary Lynch, 104 2nd St.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—We have just closed a good revival in which the Lord wonderfully blessed. Brother A. M. Phillips and wife of Belmont, N. C., were in charge of the meeting. Brother Phillips is a good evangelist and we surely enjoyed their stay with us. About fifteen were saved, ten sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Brother and Sister Phillips' special songs and music was one feature that was enjoyed. We invite them back any time. God bless them as they read this. Our church work here is progressing nicely. Pray for us.—G. C. Hamby, pastor.

SYLACAUGA, Ala.—On May 17 we started a revival with Brother Earl Brewer doing the preaching. The Lord really blessed during the four weeks' revival. Many were saved and sanctified, seventeen or eighteen filled with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water, and twelve added to the church. We appreciate having Brother Brewer and family with us and hope they will be back again sometime. We appreciate the co-operation of the church. We also appreciate our pastor and his wonderful work he has done here. The Holy Ghost took charge several nights and gave the altar call. Several were reclaimed. Every child of God pray for me and our church

here.—A sister in Christ, Mattie Love Smith.

BARTOW, Fla.—We surely praise and thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing us here at Bartow. We thank Him for the two and one-half weeks' revival conducted by Sister Alford. Many souls were blessed. Seven were saved and sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water, and three added to the church. It is wonderful what God can do for us. Praise His great name! Prayer changes things. We appreciate our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Alex Duncan. Truly they are doing all they can for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God and the Church of God. Pray for the church here that God will continue to bless and a special prayer for financial aid as we have only a few male members.—A sister in Christ, Dora Cowles.

BREWSTERTON, Tenn.—We thank the Lord for the two weeks' revival which we had in March in which five were filled with the Holy Ghost, three sanctified and others were interested who want to be saved. Several want the Holy Ghost. We don't have a pastor but are holding prayer meetings three nights a week. We also have Sunday School with an attendance of around fifty-three. Our revivals were held by Brother Avery Lane of Lenoir City. Pray that God will send us help, we need it.—Your sister in Christ, Polly Berry.

SAMSON, Ala.—We have just closed a revival conducted by Elder J. L. Ford which is said to be his first revival on the field. The revival began June 15 and closed June 22. We had a very happy time. The Lord wonderfully blessed and poured out His power from on high. Three were at the altar and one came through to the Holy Ghost. The power of God was very great. We thank God for Elder J. L. Ford. He is a faithful worker for the Lord. The sick were healed and devils cast out. Pray a special prayer for him.—A sister in the Church of God, Maude Wilson (colored).

PARIS, Ky.—We have just closed a revival at Shawhan, Ky. which started June 9. I left Paris on Monday afternoon and arrived in Shawhan around five o'clock.

On Tuesday evening God gave me a lot, a tent, enough seats for around sixty-seven people. We had five and six lanterns. We had five people the first night besides myself, the second night we had ten or fifteen and from then on the crowds ran on up in numbers to fifty or more. Meeting went on until the 18th. In the ten nights one got saved and many held up their hands for prayer. They

wanted me to go on with the meeting. Brother A. P. Reffett came a few nights and helped me in the meeting. He walked four miles to get there. They want me to come back this fall and hold another meeting, if it was the Lord's will. I am planning on going to Richmond tomorrow morning, D. V. Pray for the little church in Paris, also pray for me.—Evangelist Effie Mae Hubbard.

GLENDORA, Calif.—We closed a four weeks' revival here Sunday night with eight saved and two sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Webb, our state overseer, came over Sunday morning and preached for us. He preached Sunday night on the church, then set a church in order with nine members. The evangelist for the revival was Brother W. H. Brown of Los Angeles. Pray for the baby church in Glendora, Calif.—H. Vail, pastor, Gen. Del.

CENTRAL, S. C.—We truly thank the Lord for a great revival held at Central, S. C. Church of God which began in May. The Lord wonderfully saved thirty-nine, sanctified twenty-nine, and filled sixteen with the Holy Ghost. Fourteen were baptized in water and eighteen added to the church. This revival was conducted by Brother W. L. Edgar and Brother Thomas Bell. Some nights the Holy Ghost would take charge and they wouldn't get to preach. They are good evangelists. Please remember Central Church of God when you pray.—Henry Brewer, pastor, 20 Sirrine St., Seneca, S. C.

LAURENS, S. C.—We have just closed a revival at the Church of God at Laurens with great success. About forty were saved, a goodly number sanctified, several filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. The revival closed with the altar full of seekers. Brother C. E. McAbee did the preaching. The Lord surely used him in giving out the Word. Please pray for us and pray that the Lord will continue to bless and save many souls.—Your brother, R. G. Looney, pastor.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, please pray for me to be filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. I surely would like for some one to anoint a handkerchief and send it to me. Pray for Mrs. Carrie Lupo.—Malcolm Moody, Rt. 3, Dillon, S. C.

I am asking you to earnestly pray for my daughter. She has bad kidney trouble. Pray for God to save and heal her. Please pray for me to stay in the center of God's will.—Mrs. W. H. Bray, Heyworth, Ill.

REPORTS

Joplin, Mo. Dist. Convention

The Joplin, Mo. district convention convened at Brighton, Mo., May 28-31. It was greatly enjoyed by the saints and others as well.

On Thursday night the welcome address was given by Brother O. B. Presley, the pastor, and response by Sister Geneva Presley and Sister Cragg. Next was a special song, later a sermon by Brother Z. V. Douglas, district overseer. Friday morning we were favored with a sermon by Brother W. J. Milligan, state overseer. Friday night we had quite a number of special songs which were enjoyed very much. Brother Milligan brought forth a wonderful message.

Saturday morning Z. V. Douglas delivered the message. Next was a special song by Joe Milligan, followed by reports of the churches, each church being represented. Saturday night a mission offering was taken which amounted to \$16.00. Then came some special singing and later a sermon by Brother W. J. Milligan.

Sunday morning Brother Milligan again delivered a message. Then an offering was taken for the orphans which amounted to \$5.53. Sunday afternoon we assembled again. After a good, lively song service, Sister Geneva Presley and Sister Cragg gave short interesting talks. Next we had special singing by the Brighton trio. The power of God fell and shouts rang throughout the building. Then Sister Montgomery brought forth a message. Sunday night how did you enjoy the convention and praise service was conducted by Brother Milligan. Later Brother Z. V. Douglas brought forth our last sermon. At last came time for handshakes and good-byes, and as we separated to go to our homes we felt like we had been greatly benefited by the convention.—Miss Eunice Presley, clerk.

Youngstown Dist. Convention

On May 29 we gathered at the Church of God, Struthers, Ohio, for the Youngstown, Ohio, district convention. The presence of the Lord was felt from the first service. A warm-hearted welcome was given by the pastor followed by good responses. Then the testimony meeting was led by the district pastor, Brother Morrow.

On Saturday morning Brother Weddle of Uhrichsville preached on "The Holy Ghost." We will long remember his message which was backed by the power of God. Following this Sister Ricker preached on "Hell." She wept as she related the compromising spirit of our day,

and rejoiced as she told of God's goodness and what salvation had meant to her. Brother Haynes, our good overseer, sang a special, "God Holds the Future in His Hands," which was enjoyed. At two o'clock we again assembled with seemingly every heart filled with the Spirit of God. Sister Mellinger of Akron led the song service. Shouts of glory rang in our midst. Sister Bessie Suits brought us a wonderful message on "The Results of a Spirit-filled Life." She was followed by Brother Bell of Akron. Surely God honored Brother Bell as he gave out His Word. Many wept as Brother Haynes sang "Burn the Dross Out of Me."

Saturday night was given to the Y. P. E's of the district. Good talent was manifested as each part was carried out so devotedly. Thank God for the young people.

Sunday at 9:30 a. m. we met again and after a good song service our esteemed overseer brought us a wonderful message on "Old Landmarks." God wonderfully anointed him for the occasion. He seemed overflowed by the power of God. Then Brother Galbreath brought the 11:00 o'clock message. Sunday afternoon Brother Waggoner brought a message on "God's Sifting Time." Brother Warden brought us words of encouragement, telling us God will be with us if we will only obey Him. A sweet time of weeping was then felt as Brother Haynes sang another one of his specials. Last but not least was our Sunday night service. It seemed that the glory of God filled the building from the beginning. God surely poured out His Spirit. Saints rejoiced, danced, shouted, and talked in tongues. Next came a good testimony meeting. Sister Haynes delivered a wonderful message on "The Church of God" which was greatly enjoyed. It made us more determined to live a suitable life to be members of that great body. Handshakes and good-byes came and we parted and went to our homes, feeling that the convention had been a blessing.—Gertrude Metcalf.

South Mississippi S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention

The South Mississippi Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention was a success. It convened May 30 at McCall Creek church. Services began at 8:00 p. m. with a large crowd. We had delegates from several parts of the state. Our state overseer, also Brother A. J. Gardner, state Sunday School superintendent, and Sister Mava Morgan, state superintendent of Y. P. E., were with us. This was the first time we have had a convention of this kind. The speakers were at their best. God blessed every one who attended this convention.

Saturday night was devoted to Y. P.

E. work with Sister Morgan in charge. This was fine. We feel that the Y. P. E. work is growing.

Sunday was devoted to Sunday School work and it was a grand day for everybody. We have made some wonderful progress along the line of Sunday School work. We had fine singing throughout the convention. We are not dead in Mississippi, we are getting to the place now where we can do something worth while. This is the result of some faithful and patient work of our state overseer, Brother T. M. McClendon. He has worked hard to get the ministers and churches to co-operate with him and we can see the result of his labors. I believe that all the loyal ministers and members of the Church of God in Mississippi love and appreciate him as our overseer. We are looking forward to greater things for God and His Church. Come on, Mississippi, let's go.—Horace Taylor, district pastor, Meadville district.

God Heals

I praise the Lord for His healing power. On June 1 Brother L. G. Rouse was holding a meeting at Freeburn, Kentucky. The lame and crippled were brought to him. One girl that had been in the sanatorium for several months with T. B. was brought one night. Brother Rouse just talked to her and had her jump up and down from a porch without the least worry. She said she was healed. People were healed of different troubles. One lady had a goiter on her neck and while Brother Rouse talked to her she swallowed and it was gone. I could give you several other outstanding cases that were healed in these meetings but I don't wish to take up too much space. I know God is working wonders through His servant, Brother Rouse. I feel that we all should help this brother in every way we can to carry this great work on.—A brother in Christ, Elliott Justice, Phelps, Kentucky.

He is Wonderful to Me

Dear readers of the Evangel, I praise the dear Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost over forty years ago. I praise God because I am still saved and am going up the shining way.

I praise Him for healing. I had been afflicted for ten years. He healed me and to-day I am still healed. I am going on for Jesus. Oh, He is so wonderful to me. He keeps me and supplies all my needs. I am in the service of my King. Truly He has been so good to me. I will soon be seventy-four years old and I feel brand new. Please pray for me that I will stay in the center of God's will.—Yours in Christ, Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin, Des Moines, Iowa.

I Need Prayer Now

SCOTTSBORO, Ala.—To the saints, greetings in Jesus' name. I praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me. I am glad that even in this time of trials and tribulation, with sin and evil all around us, I can still report victory. Thank the Lord for keeping me, although I am having a battle to fight. Please pray for me. Don't pass this up as just a request, but pray for me, I need your prayers now.

The Lord is so good to me, I don't mean to ever turn back. No, but I want to get stronger and more like Jesus and able to suffer for Him, that I may do more for Him. It's time every child of God was trying to rouse up and be wide awake, working, and watching for Him. If we could realize just what He is to us, surely we would be trying to do more for Him.

While we were in prayer for the sick He healed our nephew's baby of yellow thrush after he had gotten so sick it just looked like he couldn't live. He looked like he was dying when we went to pray but we prayed and the Lord raised him up. He sat up and played until we quit praying. He also healed my husband and his sister's husband, baby and two others. How wonderful the Lord is to us when we humble ourselves. Pray for us here in Santa Bottom.—A sister in Christ, Fannie Hastings.

Power Comes Down

MARIETTA, S. C.—Dear saints, we have a nice church at Jones Mountain with quite a number of members. We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed here. We are proud of our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister John Hanvey. We haven't got our church built yet but have started it. We are making slow progress at building on account of finance but we know the Lord will provide. Pray that we may get our church built soon.

Our dear pastor and wife ran a revival here last summer and the Lord blessed wonderfully. Many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. It was there that I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and saw light on the Church of God. I am now a member of the dear Church of God and believe in it with all my heart. Some unbelievers said that winter would end the results of the revival, but many of us went through the snow to service and had a good time in the Lord. The power comes down at times now in our service and we get good blessings.

Our state overseer, Brother Johnson, paid us a visit a few weeks ago and his message was uplifting. I praise the Lord for a salvation that will keep us glad

and free if we will just be humble and obey.—A humble brother, Archie Smith.

Feel We Are in God's Will

DENVER, Colo.—Dear readers of the Evangel, to-day finds us in the city of Denver, Colorado, and we had rather be here than any place on earth because we feel we are in God's will. If we follow the leadings of the Lord, He never leads us to any easy place where we will have everything in abundance, but to the place where we will have to pray and trust in Him for our supply. But I believe our utter dependence in Him is well pleasing in His sight, and the best part is He never fails.

The Lord spoke to Sister Dorothy Diefenderfer and me last fall to come to Denver. We didn't feel it was just at that time the Lord would have us come, so we went back to the New England states with an open heart to go at God's appointed time.

Sister H. W. Poteat fasted and prayed with us during the winter (as we are to help bear one another's burdens) and God spoke and told us when He would have us come. He also spoke to Brother and Sister Poteat and told them to bring us. They were not disobedient to the voice of the Lord but said amen to Jesus, not even counting the cost, because God had spoken, with no selfish desire to keep us on their territory either, but said the will of the Lord be done.

We came through many places where they couldn't imagine why the Lord was sending us so far away when there were so many needy fields near by. We had openings on the way with good offers so far as the material things are concerned, but as Paul was determined to go to Jerusalem even though bonds and afflictions awaited him there, so we were determined to come to Denver in obedience to the call of God. In the 8th chapter of Acts the Lord spoke and told Philip to arise and go forward unto Gaza which is desert. We have no record of where he stopped to question God about the matter, but in obedience to God's command Philip was soon up and on his way. Even as Philip found the eunuch down in the desert, so we found hungry souls in Denver.

We prayed and God heard and helped us purchase a piano, chairs, etc. at a very reasonable price. We opened a little mission on the west side of the city the first part of May. God blesses in a marvelous way every service. The power comes down in showers and we are having shouting, dancing, and speaking in other tongues. We have good crowds for a new opening, also have a good crowd of spectators on the outside. No doubt many are

afraid to enter on account of the Holy Ghost power, but will finally get hungry and will venture in.

We have found out some reasons why the Lord sent us which we will relate at this time. Not long after we arrived, we came in contact with a man and his wife who had heard of the Church of God sometime ago and they were crying out to God to send a Church of God to Denver. The wife was in such utter despair that she was sick in bed. But when we visited her and informed her that we were opening up a mission, she immediately got out of bed and came to service that very night and hasn't missed a service, although she lives six miles away. She is a wonderful pianist and plays for us.

A lady whom I had met in Pueblo, Colo., about nine years ago had been attending a church where she felt very unwelcome because of the Holy Ghost power which was demonstrated through her (seemed to be offensive to some), and she was praying for God to open a place where she could have her freedom. The Lord spoke to her and said, "I have opened a house of prayer." While she was wondering what the Lord could mean we walked into her place and told her we had opened a mission here. She has been attending regularly and praises God for sending us.

There was a man who lived here who had received his Baptism in Illinois in the Church of God several years ago. He had prayed for a Church of God and longed to worship with our folks once more as he didn't feel at home in other churches. And don't you think God would answer the prayers of those faithful ones, even though He sent us hundreds of miles? Distance means nothing to God.

Brother Douglas, our state overseer, and his wife were with us the first week. They are very precious people who like to see the cause move forward and are willing to sacrifice for this purpose. The people who heard him preach are very anxious for their return and we hope to have them with us again soon, as we are hoping to open a tent meeting the first part of July, D. V. We are also expecting Brother Baney and his family with us at that time from Dyersburg, Tenn.

Every one who reads this please pray for our success here. This is a city of about 350,000 population and there is room for many more missions. So if the Lord speaks to your heart to come this way, come on. The Lord will see you through.

Sister Dorothy and I are very happy here and God is supplying our needs.—Your sister in Christ, Goldie Banks.

MISSIONS

Church of God Full Gospel In Malabar Now Church of God Also Free Assembly of God Joining

Mr. Zeno C. Sharp, Mission Secretary,
Cleveland, Tennessee, U. S. A.

Dear Brother Sharp:

Out of consideration for our help to their brother and coworker (Brother Manoah), the United Church of S. India is tendering us the free and uninterrupted use of her church and is considering the Church of God. Also the Baptist church in Octacamund is considering the Church of God and they are opening their doors to us. The Baptist minister's daughter received the Holy Ghost a few days ago and he is praying for the blessing. They were to have a meeting of the board Tuesday of this week and decide on the question of the church property and of uniting with the Church of God.

Long before this you should have received a cablegram for funds and prayer and of the great mass movement to the Church of God here in India. It is too marvelous to believe, it seems, when one sees it with his own eyes. We have actually captured fifty-eight Pentecostal churches, pastors, deacons, and all. There are thirty-five Sunday Schools ranging in attendance from forty to three hundred, generally, and the combined membership will run near four thousand. In fact, there had been 3,610 baptized in water up to 1934, and wholesale numbers baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are checking up the list and revising it to date and will give a full report.

This work is among the Syrian Christians, largely, and is an old work started nearly 1900 years ago by the "Thomas-ites," followers of St. Thomas, and twenty-three years ago this Pentecostal work was started by pastor Robt. F. Cook, who was with the General Council Assemblies of God up to about ten years ago when he decided on going independent. They have thousands of dollars worth of property and a Bible School with accommodations for around eighty students. They have around twenty permanent buildings, their own light plant, etc. One church gave about \$5,000.00 on the headquarters buildings, which is a massive stone structure.

It is a long story but God miraculously brought us together in this work. Will

tell all about it later. I have preached four sermons to-day and have to preach again to-night and leave on the midnight train for Ceylon. I can't understand it. The power of God has been so upon me that I can hardly sleep or eat, and He has brought me through this deadly climate with hundreds of people dying with cholera, etc., others eaten up with leprosy. Every spirit of division and discord has been swept aside. People laid down their hoes and plows and left their shops, walking for miles to the meetings. We can't find buildings anywhere to hold the crowds. People sit for hours with their eyes fixed upon us, drinking in the truths as one after another rises under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. There are usually six to seven thousand in the annual meetings. Had about six hundred gathered in and about one little outstation to-day. I can't get any time for anything but talk with the people, pray for them, and shake hands with them, when I am not in the meetings. People of all castes, high and low, are seeking God; for example, big railroad men, doctors, dentists, officials, police, etc. I have been almost scared at times that we would grieve God for they treat me like I was a king or president instead of a Church of God preacher. But God is keeping me humble. He has thoroughly broken me up. I can't do anything but cry, it seems.

We have also taken over five other churches and missions in another part, and God has given us a fine Swedish missionary and wife to help Brother Cook in the work. This man speaks five languages, including the Greek, which he teaches. He was a Baptist minister, formerly. We have had a general meeting and got the pastors in the headquarters and all are unanimously agreed to come in the Church of God. The power of God fell in every service, messages and interpretations came forth that I was sent of God to gather them into the fold. They voluntarily and unanimously decided to put all the property into the Church of God and let us take it and carry on until Jesus comes.

Many others are looking this way and the support of the work will not be very great to begin with. I have all papers fixed up in the vernacular and am having them translated into English and will send every thing in the regular mail—maps, etc., resolutions included. Please run a piece in the paper and ask every one to pray and give all they can up until the Assembly. I have a line on another

group of about ten thousand in Africa, and about a million here, comprising one heathen group, are considering a mass movement to the Christian Church and we have our net set for them. A great stir is on all over the world and I can't ever fill all the calls, I fear. This appears to be a new era for the Church of God if we can just pull together and keep steady.—Sincerely, J. H. Ingram.

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Report From the Bahamas

Dear Evangel Family: Greetings.

The dear Lord has favored us with another glorious state convention. A few days before the schedule time, the delegates from the various out-islands started to crowd into the beautiful little city of Nassau, and at our introductory service on Monday night, May 4, we had a well-filled house, and they kept coming, and the tide of glory kept rising higher and higher.

On Wednesday morning we were agreeably surprised to see our esteemed Assistant General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, and Bishops C. F. Bright, David La Fleur, and N. S. Marcelle, from the States. The services of these great men were valuable, their preaching was always unctionized by the Holy Spirit. The Church of God should be very thankful for these humble, noble, stable, sober, Spirit-filled men. Brethren, let us stay humble! We have some of the best material in the world. The Church of God is right.

Our Bahamian preachers rendered excellent service, and they seemed to have received a special anointing in this great convention, and have gone forth to their various fields of labor, with greater zeal than before.

Another remarkable feature was the unity that existed throughout the whole session. There was not the slightest friction among the elders in council as they met from time to time in their various committees to put forth suggestions for the coming convention year, and we are thankful that we are learning to love each other. The theme of most every heart was love and praise, according to the various mottoes which were hung in convenient places throughout the convention building.

The music in this convention was simply grand. To miss one of these spiritual feasts, really means much. There were quite a few more special features that we could mention, but space may not permit. Above all, we are thankful to God our heavenly Father for His sweet presence and rich blessings, and we earnestly request your sincere prayers, that this will be a most blessed year for us over here in the Bahamas.—Yours for the dear old Church of God, William R. Franks, Overseer of Bahamas.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

BY YOLANDA VIOLA DEFINO

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 13:10.

"Mission" is defined as a business or duty on which one is sent. The missions of which we should be most concerned are gospel missions.

In order to know and appreciate the value of gospel missions we must have a clear vision of lost souls. Someone has reported an average of sixty-six unsaved people dying every minute. SIXTY-SIX UNSAVED PEOPLE EVERY MINUTE! O God, help us to realize the vastness of unsaved people and open our hearts to gospel missions.

We also know that every human being has a god. In Old Testament days most heathens worshiped Baal. The people in Paul's day worshiped an unknown God. "As I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD" Acts 17:23.

To-day the heathen are still worshipping strange gods—the moon, the sun, the stars, trees, fire, etc. One nation in particular believes the cow to be supernatural. They believe she is a sustainer of life because she supplies them with milk for food. How grateful I am for a God who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

"What am I to do about the heathen?" you query. Let us turn to Mark 16:15 and observe what the greatest of all missionaries has commanded: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "Jesus was talking to the tribe of Levi (preachers)," you reply. "We are not all called to preach. Furthermore I couldn't preach if I tried."

Do you hear Moses? "I am not eloquent . . . but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." Ex. 4:10. Can you imagine God and Moses conversing thus: Handicapped as I am in speech, how do you expect me to go before the Israelites? I, talk to Pharaoh? No, indeed! That is impossible. (Some of the most noted men of literature were very, very poor speakers.) You are right, Moses. I never gave your slowness of speech a thought. Just continue to care for the sheep; I'll find someone else to go to the Israelites and Pharaoh. Indeed not! Nothing like this transpired. Rather, 'GO, and Aaron will meet you. I know he can speak well. He shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. (4th ch. Exod.) He will be your spokesman.

Did you say, "I can't preach, send someone else?"

There may be some in our home church that may be called to take the gospel to foreign fields. It may be my

brother or sister. It may be your son or daughter. Somebody must go. (Brother Ingram is now making a survey of the foreign lands. God bless his good efforts. I really believe he was called of God.)

Is it God's will that we refrain from carrying the full gospel to them who have never heard of the living God and His plan of salvation? No, a thousand times no! "And the word of the Lord was published throughout all regions," Acts 13:49.

I have heard many ask, "Will the heathen (ignorant of God) be held accountable in the day of judgment?" Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by (through) me." John 14:6. How then can the heathen go to the Father except they go through Christ, and how can they go through Christ of whom they have never heard?

It is for you and I as followers of Christ to feed the Bread of Life (John 6:35) to them in distress. How? Support the missions. If you can't give a dollar, give a penny. Remember, we can't purchase a loaf of bread with a cent but we can with ten cents. Let us not hold back our pennies.

The poor widow is saying, "I haven't even a penny to give. I am dependent on my good neighbors for my food and clothing. What can I do?" A young evangelist once said something to this effect, "Whenever a soul was saved, I knew at home my mother was praying. It was not the influence of my preaching but the prayers of my mother that won them to God." Prayers are the guard rails on the highway to heaven. A sincere prayer uttered from a clean heart is worth more than all the gold in the world. Surely you can help the missions by prayer.

Listen! Church of God, do you hear the turbulent, roaring, swiftly rolling waters, waters of sin? Do you hear the painful cries of agony, almost too horrible for human ears? What message is conveyed by those pitiful cries? LISTEN! Jesus died to save US. Come help us ere we perish.

In conclusion I say with the poet:
"If I have eaten my morsel alone,"

The patriarch spoke with scorn;
What would he think of the Church
were he shown

Heathendom-huge, forlorn,
Godless, Christless, with soul unfed,
While the Church's ailment is fullness of bread,

Eating her morsel alone?

"Freely we have received, so give,"

He bade, who hath given us all.
How shall the soul in us longer live
Deaf to their starving call,

For whom the blood of the Lord was shed

And His body broken to give them bread,
If we eat our morsel alone?"

Many Interested in Work

NEELY, Miss.—We thank and praise God for His many blessings that He has in store for those who love Him. We are but a small band of saints here at Neely but God has really blessed us and we give Him all the praise.

Brother E. N. Wright came here in October and took up the work. At that time there was not much interest shown. Now many seem interested and the work is growing under his able leadership. When he came here we were having one service a month. Now we have a Sunday School and three services a month. We have also just organized a Y. P. E. with about fifty members.

The first Sunday in June we had a home coming day. Brother Taylor from Red Hill preached for us which was really enjoyed by all. Special songs were sung and at noon dinner was served. After noon we all met again for the purpose of organizing a Y. P. E. Brother Thurman Pearson from Hattiesburg gave a talk on the Y. P. E. and its benefits, also organized the Y. P. E. Many seem to be interested in it. We need the prayers of the great Church of God for our work here. Our beloved state overseer, Brother T. M. McClendon, has visited us twice this year. Come again. Brother McClendon, we would like to see you again. Saints, don't forget to pray for us.—A sister in Christ, Maisie V. Hillman.

Words of Encouragement a Blessing

CLEVELAND, Ohio. — We truly thank God for the way He has blessed us since Jan. 5th. The Lord has blessed us with sixteen members. We ask all of the saints everywhere to pray for our success. I started this mission alone. Our first service was Sunday School and we had sixteen present. Sunday night we had forty-nine. Truly we thank God for the way His power falls. We are determined by the help of God to have a real Church of God here in Cleveland, Ohio.

We received a letter from Elder Curry to-day, June 12. Oh, how we thank God for the encouraging words he gave us. Truly, we thank God for him. We hope he will be able to come here. Elder G. Byrd of Pittsburg, Pa., is our overseer. We believe he is a real man of God. We are hoping he will be able to come soon also. Please pray a special prayer for us. —Your humble servant, Elder A. Feaster, 3937 Central Ave.

Report of Canadian Conv'n.

The third annual Church of God convention in Saskatchewan has come and gone. As usual it convened at Robsart, Sask., from June 4-7.

We were glad to have our overseer, Brother Paul H. Walker, and family, also Sister Edna Grove of Minot, N. Dak. with us. Our overseer's timely messages brought to us each evening were much appreciated.

A splendid orchestra and good singers at each service helped to make the convention a success. From the opening service when Brother Chas. Bowen, the local pastor, gave the welcome address, all were made to feel at home and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord. Several interesting and beneficial messages were brought by the various preachers present. One of the outstanding features of the convention was the Bible School program presented by former students of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy at Minot, N. Dak. and of the Bible Training School at Cleveland, Tenn. It seemed to instill in the minds of all present a desire to do more for Jesus and be better equipped workers for Him.

Several hungry souls were at the altar each evening and at least three had a definite experience of salvation and one was baptized with the Holy Ghost. Eternity alone will tell the good accomplished. At last the convention drew to a close and the sad time of parting came. All left for their various fields of labor with a greater desire to battle on for Jesus until He comes. Pray for the work in Canada.—A sister in Jesus, Florence Bachman.

Carrollton, Ga. Dist. Conv'n.

The Carrollton, Ga. district convention was held at Carrollton, Ga. June 12-14 and a great time in the Lord was the result. We are thankful for the great service rendered by Brother Black of Rome.

The Carrollton district is growing at a rapid rate under the leadership of Brother Brown, our district pastor. We have seven churches, two having been set up only about two months, more or less.

In 1930 when Brother Brown landed in Cedartown, Ga. from Texas there were only, to our knowledge, seven members, so you can see what he has accomplished in the last six years. Brother Brown is a faithful old soldier who has fought the battle as only a child of God could and he preaches the Word as it is. Along with our many members we have several young ministers.

Friday evening we opened service with a concert prayer and song service. Brother Brown delivered the welcome address. Next response was given by Brother C.

N. O'Kelly, Sister Gann, Brother Rone Norton, and Brother Gann. Brother Black then brought a great message which was very good. The sermon was followed by a song and prayer and we were dismissed for the evening.

Saturday's service opened with song and prayer service, followed by a sermon by Brother Chambers. After the sermon the following gave talks: Brothers Gann, Norton, Johnson, and Blanks. This was followed by a testimony service conducted by Brother Brown. The afternoon service opened with songs and prayer service followed by reports of churches on the district with talks by their pastors. Next talks were given by Sisters Duke and Lobert. After these talks an altar call was given. Saturday night after song and prayer service we had a praise service followed by a sermon by Brother Black and an altar service.

Sunday morning after song and prayer service Brother C. N. O'Kelly brought forth a message followed by a talk on missions by F. M. Moore. Brother Akin then favored us with a sermon. In the afternoon the Shannon string band played and sang for us. We had a healing service and the power of the Lord worked wonderfully. Brother Gann brought a message followed by an altar call. The evening service opened with song and prayer service. We had a testimony service conducted by Sister Effie Freeman and songs by Brother Norton followed by a sermon. We then had an altar service.—J. R. Chambers, reporter.

God So Merciful to Me

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Dear Evangel readers, truly I have much to praise the Lord for, for the way He keeps and blesses me from day to day. The Lord healed me of a serious kidney trouble which was affecting my heart so that I had heart attacks. I promised Him I would serve Him if He would heal me. He healed me but I did not keep my word. He was so merciful to spare me until I got saved.

I still have one affliction that I wish all who read this would pray for, especially Brother Rouse. I also pray and ask that every one else pray that the Lord will sanctify and baptize me with the Holy Ghost.

I thank the Lord for our wonderful church we have in Jacksonville, and our good pastor, Brother T. W. Godwin. I am yet very young, only fifteen years old. I know the Lord can use me for His glory. Please pray for me.—Your brother in Christ, Alfred Boree, 2915 Plum St.

Christ will not stay in the heart of one who will not be a true missionary for him. He comes into our hearts to make missionaries of us as truly as he does to make Christians of us.

STATE CONVENTIONS**Kansas-Nebraska-Iowa Convention**

Pittsburg, Kans., July 10-12

J. M. SNYDER, Overseer

Georgia Camp Meeting

Macon, Ga., July 9-19

J. P. HUGHES, Overseer

Oklahoma State Convention and Camp Meeting

Maud, Okla., July 13-19

S. J. WOOD, Overseer

Alabama State Camp Meeting

Sumiton, Ala., July 17-26

G. C. DUNN, Overseer

West Virginia State Convention

Bayard, W. Va., July 23-26

E. C. CLARK, Overseer

Kentucky State Camp Meeting

Somerset, Ky., July 23-Aug. 1

J. C. JERNIGAN, Overseer

South Carolina State Convention

Greenville, S. C., July 30-Aug. 2

R. P. JOHNSON, Overseer

Mississippi State Camp Meeting

July 30-Aug. 7

T. M. McCLENDON, Overseer

Southern Alabama Camp Meeting

Sunny South Church of God

Near Pine Hill, Ala., July 31-Aug. 9

G. C. DUNN, Overseer

Texas State Convention and Camp Meeting

Weatherford, Texas, Aug. 6-16

T. S. PAYNE, Overseer

Arkansas State Convention and Camp Meeting

Velvet Ridge Church, 10 miles north of Bald Knob, Ark.

Aug. 8-16

J. A. McCULLAR, Overseer

Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C. Convention and Camp Meeting

Near Shiloh, Md., Aug. 20-30

(Convention Aug. 20-23)

W. CARL MILLIGAN, Overseer

Virginia State Convention and Camp Meeting

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 20-30

J. L. DORMAN, Overseer

Letcher, Ky. Dist. Convention

The Letcher, Ky. district convention which convened at Neon, Ky. was truly enjoyed by all attending. The convention opened Friday evening about 8:00 with songs, prayers, and the welcome address by the local pastor and district overseer, W. J. Blair. Responses were given by Brothers Hatfield, Bee Day, Jess Mooney, Lowell McCoy. Brother W. H. Keith brought the message. There were shouts and praises ascending to heaven until midnight.

Service opened Saturday morning at 10:00. Brother Noah Simpkins of McVeigh, Ky. delivered the message. The evening service was one of great rejoicing. The Lord certainly was with us. Brother S. B. McCane sang a special after which he delivered a message.

Sunday's service brought us nearer the close of the convention. Brother Jim Dixon gave a short talk followed by a talk by Brother Cole in interest of young people. Brother J. C. Jernigan followed with a message.

The convention closed with special singing, handshakes, and good-byes. The Lord was with us throughout the convention. Every one present enjoyed himself. Those absent missed a blessing from God. A sister in Christ, Thelma Blair, Seco, Ky.

Phenix City, Ala. District Convention

Thank God for the Phenix City district convention. How the Lord blessed each speaker! It was wonderful. I thank the Lord for the advice and good things Brother Dunn, our state overseer, gave us and also Brother W. L. Collins, our district pastor. He gave everybody a welcome. He has stood by the churches on this district.

We have just closed a revival at the Lanett church which started at the convention. It lasted two weeks. Nine were converted, eight sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the Church of God. The Lanett church is moving on. Brother St. John and I surely enjoyed the good fellowship with the saints in this revival. Dear readers, that is what it takes for the dear Lord to bless.

I ask every one to pray for me and my companion that we will live close to Jesus and do more for Him. Pray for the little church at Alexander City that it will grow and get stronger. Pray for our boy to be saved, also my father. He is seventy years old.—A sister in Christ, Darie St. John, Alexander City, Ala.

Work Started Thru Prayer

YORK, S. C.—Dear readers, I praise the Lord for full salvation. Oh glory! It

is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

The Lord has answered prayer so many times. We have a little work started here in York, Yes, it came through prayer, praise God, and the Lord surely is blessing us with His power from on high. Brother E. L. Jacobs preaches for us each Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. We have no Church of God building in York but we are expecting God to answer more prayers soon.

Praise the Lord for Brother Jacobs. He is on fire for God and a faithful man of God. The little work here is new and we ask all the saints to pray that it may grow and prosper for His glory. We are looking forward to a revival soon. Please pray a special prayer for it to be a revival like God would have it be. We want to see souls pray through to victory.

God is wonderfully blessing at Rock Hill, S. C. Sister Margaret Jacobs is doing the preaching in a revival at this time there. It has even reached unto York. She can and surely does preach the Word of God with mighty force. Remember we earnestly covet your prayers for this work here.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Cleo Montgomery.

Have Much to Praise the Lord For

Dear friends and Evangel readers, I praise the Lord for the privilege I had of working in the revival that has just closed in Selma, N. C., in which sixty were saved, thirty-eight sanctified, twenty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-eight baptized in water, and thirty-eight added to the church. Several gray-haired fathers and mothers said it was the greatest revival that had been in Selma. The presence and power of the Lord met with us every night and sometimes Brother Hathcock would not get to preach, but sinners would fall in the altar and cry and weep their way through to victory. It was wonderful to see the Lord work and we are praising Him for the souls that were blessed and the good that was accomplished, for we realize that He did it all.

They have a good pastor who we feel is doing his very best and has made many sacrifices to keep the church moving on. We feel that God has His hand upon that place. Every one who reads this please pray for Selma. They organized a Y. P. E. and we were glad for the privilege of working with the young people and helping them get started. We feel that the Y. P. E. is going over the top for the Lord and ask every one to pray for them.

I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed and for the privilege of working for Him. I have been working in revivals with Brother Hathcock and wife

since November and I feel they are true servants of God, giving their life and time for Him. I have enjoyed working with them and I appreciate the way they have taken an interest in me. Brother Hathcock has given me the privilege of speaking in every revival in behalf of the Church of God orphanage. The people seem to take an interest in the orphans and say they are going to do more for them. I appreciate the Church of God orphanage and the way I was cared for while there. I know I have much to praise the Lord for and the way He has blessed me since I have been out in the work. I want to devote my time and talent to Him and be a blessing to others. I am planning on going to B. T. S. next term, D. V. and I would be glad that every one would pray that I might get to go. Any one wishing to write me, my home address is 308 North Ave., Sanford, N. C. We just started a revival at Rocky Mount. Special music is being rendered every night. Brother Hathcock is doing the preaching. Please pray that God will give many souls here.—Faithfully yours, Margaret Rowe.

Washington, Pa. Dist. Conv'n.

"Thou art the God that doest wonders." Ps. 77:14.

It is with a full heart that we can report the district convention held at the Church of God at Washington, Pa., May 29-31, Brother R. H. Flinchum, district overseer. From the beginning to the end we could not help but declare the goodness of our God and say, "He is in our midst."

The pastors and evangelists of the district came on fire for God and with Spirit-filled messages, prepared to do their best for God. Our state overseer, Brother Blankenship, gave wonderful messages and splendid advice to ministers, which made us feel and determine to do more than ever for our God and the advancement of the kingdom.

Throughout all the meetings we endeavored to let God have His way. The Spirit took hold of hearts and lives and there was much shouting and praising God, and the Spirit Himself took full charge of the last meeting. Although there was a message assigned, it was not given through man, but God, and there was much weeping and confessing, for right after the first song service souls came to the altar and wept and prayed their way through to victory. Praise His sweet name.

There was a fine representation from each church on the district and all returned home more determined in heart to be faithful and occupy until He comes.—Leota L. Knopp.

Requests

Please pray for Sister Cora Dodson, that the Lord will heal her. She has been in bed two weeks and is trusting the Lord for healing. Also pray for my boy who is sick, to be saved and healed.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. W. C. Hill, Murphy, Okla.

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Pray for my family and my children's families. Pray that I may stay in the center of God's will. I have an unspoken request that I want remembered. Pray for our church which was set in order at Blountsville, Rt. 2, by Brother Hackney, with seven members.—W. A. Wildmon, Rt. 3, Cullman, Ala.

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Please pray for my brothers that they will quit drinking and their souls will be saved. Also pray a special prayer for my husband's stomach. He has a bad stomach trouble and believes in divine healing. I also have three special requests. Pray hard.—Norine Evans, Town Creek, Ala.

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I want you to pray for a little girl who has T. B. Everyone who reads this pray until your prayers go through and I want Brother and Sister Celia Crews to send me an anointed cloth in her behalf. I also have a brother that has fits. Pray for him, also for some unspoken requests.—Mrs. Bessie Franklin, Route 1, Mt. Airy, Ga.

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Please pray a special prayer for me and my home. There are no Church of God people near here. Pray that God will send a revival here so we can attend and carry our children. They've never heard holiness preached. Pray for me to be humble.—Mrs. Marsie Sullivan, Rt. 1, Box 82, Fearn Springs, Miss.

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Please pray a special prayer for my mother-in-law as she is very ill. Pray for my daddy to be healed and saved. He is in very bad health. Also pray for my husband as he has something wrong with his left shoulder and at times can hardly work. Pray for him to receive the Holy Ghost and for us to always be true children of God.—Mrs. Fellon Johns, Millwood, Ga.

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Please pray for me, that the dear Lord will heal my body. I have an aunt in the hospital who requests that all the saints pray for her to be saved and her body healed. Remember my loved ones in prayer, that they may be saved.—Miss Virgie Pollard, Hemphill, W. Va.

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I praise God for His healing power.

Pray that my faith will be stronger and I can let my light shine in this hard place for holiness. There isn't any holiness church anywhere in this part of Robertson county and it surely is a needy place. Pray that the Lord will put it on some one's heart to come up here with a tent. Pray for me and family, that we will be ready to go when He comes.—Mrs. Janie Herring, Fairmont, N. C. Rt. 2, Box 223.

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I am in need of your prayers. Please breathe a word of prayer for me.—Mary Wallace.

God Blessing at Chilhowie, Va.

Dear Evangel readers, we praise God this morning because He has been so good to us here at Chilhowie. God is blessing in a wonderful way since He sent our good pastor this way. Brother Woolwine has put forth every effort to put over the top everything the Assembly passed on. We have paid our forty cents per member drive, aged ministers' fund, mission and orphanage money. Sixteen have united with the church this year. We have also bought a big church lot and built a church since he has been here and are almost out of debt on that. We have a revival on here now with Brother W. R. Messer doing the preaching. Pray for our success that God will give us many souls for our labor.—A brother under the blood, J. B. Moore, Chilhowie, Va.

New Church in Bahamas

Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. Thank God our church is now set in order with ten members. Our church is not finished altogether but since Brother Auten, our district pastor, came in last December, he did all he could and now he has set the church in order. Brother and Sister Finly are here. We had a wonderful convention and I know the Lord was present.

Our overseer has been to Bannerman Town, Wemyso Bight and Waterford. He worked faithfully during his visit. We need three more shutters, two windows and one door. We need more but that is the most important right now. We thank God for such a faithful overseer as he.—Your sister in Christ, Alvira Bethel, Green Castle, Eleuthera, Bah.

Good Report From Flint, Mich.

FLINT, Mich.—I praise God for His goodness to mankind and for the good plan of salvation. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us the past few months. We have been in a revival quite steady since the first of the year. Sister Helen Morrow came here in February and God saved souls, many were benefited in the services. Sister Denny of Ohio came and was

here four weeks. Many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and the Lord has added daily to His Church such as should be saved.

We appreciate our overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister D. G. Phillips. They put forth great efforts for the cause of Christ and His Church. We also appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister L. L. Turner. They are a great blessing to many in this city. We have built a nice church building here and are getting along fine. We also have two other Sunday Schools. We need to labor while it is day, the night of tribulation will soon be upon us.

Our General Overseer, Brother Walker, visited our church following the state convention in Detroit and we all enjoyed having him with us. God gave a great outpouring of the Spirit that evening. We request your prayers that God will always have His way with each one.—A brother in Christ, Jerry Biskner.

NOTICES

We are in a revival at South Lebanon, Ohio, where we have been appointed pastor for the remainder of the Assembly year. Pray much for us.—John D. Raynor, Box 77, South Lebanon, Ohio.

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On July 5, D. V., we will have a Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention of the Columbia district here at Orangeburg, S. C. We extend a special invitation to everybody. Come and get a blessing. Services will be from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Brother Grant, S. S. and Y. P. E. State Supt., will be in charge.—Porter M. White, 15 Palmetto St., Orangeburg, S. C.

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There will be an all-day meeting and dinner on the ground Sunday, July 5, at Blackshear, Ga., under Orion L. Alewine's large gospel tent which is now erected here and we are having a good meeting. I ask the near-by churches, especially on my district, to call off their morning service, and evening service where possible, and come with a well-filled basket and enjoy this great feast with us. At the close of the evening service there will be communion and feet-washing. Every one pray for the revival and this special day.—Yours in His service, James Roberts, Waycross district.

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As I have been appointed district pastor of North St. Joseph district for the rest of the year my address is 411 E. Highland, St. Joseph, Mo.—Jim Foshe.

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Dear Evangel readers, I am open for calls for revival meetings in New Mexico or Colorado. Any one wishing a revival may write me. I stand foursquare for the Church of God.—Grant Stonelake, Gen. Del., Melrose, N. Mex.

EDITORIALS

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she, without mercy, has taken over Ethiopia and no doubt is planning to conquer other kingdoms, we feel that this is the reproduction of the power that was once exercised by that wicked, conquering general, Antiochus Epiphanes. His kingdom finally culminated into the Roman kingdom and it is believed by many that Antichrist will be a reproduction of the spirit and power of this wicked man, and many scriptures make us believe that he will come from the Roman authority. Read Rev. 11:7; 17:8. This proves to my judgment where Antichrist will come from. The first three years of his reign will be that of deception but the rapture will take place before he takes his seat. The last three and a half years of Daniel's one week (Rev. 9:27) will be the worse time the world has ever heard about. In Revelation 4th and 5th chapters we find a glowing description of the saints in glory and many sentences in these two chapters prove that this crowd around the throne are the redeemed saints and they will reign on earth a thousand years, Rev. 5:11, 12. In Rev. 6:1, 2 we have a description of this man of sin coming on the white horse with the bow in his hand and for three and a half years he will put in his time reestablishing the broken-down commerce of the world. Read Rev. 8:23-25. Rev. 6:3 is a description of the red horse which is war. Then we will have the final culmination of all the fury of the enemy of all righteousness and the whole world will be involved in war. This will be a dark day for those who are not ready to meet Jesus.

The Comforter

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could stand by my house and say, This house is mine, walk down the road a hundred yards and say, THAT house is mine. It is the SAME house but it depends upon where I am standing. (To be continued.)

Holy Ghost Leading

TAMPA, Bah., B. W. I.—I praise God this evening that I am still saved. On July 13, 1931, the Lord saved me. I was baptized in water September of the same year by Brother Z. R. Thomas. Praise God for a humble man like that. I tarried until I was endued with power from on high and on February 4, 1932, I returned to my home parish, St. Elizabeth.

The next night I got a lantern and went to a roadside and began singing some choruses and a crowd of people gathered around. Then I began preaching. It was a strenuous task to preach and sing alone. They could not help me in the

singing, but the Lord helped and that night I had a fine service.

I continued my preaching and on May 16 of the same year our dear overseer, Z. R. Thomas, came down and set the church in order with sixteen members. I got permission from the Tampa, Fla. church, through the overseer, and gave the church a namesake (Tampa). We put up a nice little building, 28x16, and some precious souls are at that place now. I wish here to express my gratitude to the Tampa, Fla. church for her kindness in helping us put a building in St. Elizabeth. Since then we have three other churches in said parish, Mt. View, Outlook, and Fairlook, and I am looking forward for one or two more by the end of this year.

I am now in a new field (Aberdeen) and I can see how the people are taking the words of truth and nowhere to worship. I had one horse, the only one to ride from one church to the other, and I agreed to sell it in order to get something to put up a little building that they may have a place of worship and I now have to travel on foot. From Fairlook to Outlook it is twenty-three miles; from Tampa to Outlook, nine miles; from Tampa to Mt. View, three miles; from Tampa to Fairlook fourteen miles. Sometimes the old enemy tells me that is the way I am going to do all the time, that I'll soon die for want. But the sweet Holy Ghost reminds me that "whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap."

We are in a revival which started May 5. We are having rain every day so we have service in a brother's little home. It would surprise you to see how these folks roll up their pants and come thru the water to services. Eight have received the Holy Ghost, seven sanctified, two seeking at the altar, and three added to the great Church of God. At this little church, Fairlook, we have forty members. Fourteen out of that number are filled with the Holy Ghost.

I ask all who read this to please pray for us over in this hard land of Jamaica. Jamaica is a fair land but hard. One thing I know, I am getting ready to leave this land.—C. A. McIntosh, pastor, Ipswich P. O., St. Elizabeth.

Faith in God Strengthened

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." 2 Chron. 16:9.

I praise God for His goodness and mercy to me. I am glad that He found me when I was a sinner, and I'm so glad to love and trust Him for soul and body. I have found Him to be a friend in time of need.

A few weeks ago I visited my son

in a part of the state where there was no one to pray for the sick, or we did not know of any one. I took fever and was very sick. When I got so sick that I knew I could not bear it much longer the Lord touched my body. I am still very weak but able to be up part of the time. I am so glad that I have been able to trust God and He has been so good to me. I want to trust Him to the end of the way.

I thank my dear friends for their prayers and kindness to me in so many ways. I am also praising God for the way He has answered prayer in letting me see my boy again who had been away so long. I know there is nothing too hard for the God we serve. I told the dear Lord if He would let me hear from him I would testify to it and I am keeping my word to Him who is everything to me. Many thanks to the dear ones who have helped me pray. My faith in God has been strengthened. Glory to His dear name! I feel that I can trust Him more fully. The Lord has given me a little place on the camp ground in answer to prayer. It pays to live for God. I am more determined to go through with the Lord. The battle is almost over, we are near the end of the way. Let's be faithful and let Him have His way.—Margaret Caruthers, Wimauma, Fla.

NOTICES

We are to begin a revival July 5 with Sister Largin in charge. We earnestly request our many friends to pray for this revival. I will say to our good people in Washington, D. C., Maryland, and Delaware, come on, let us rally to the support of our overseer in regard to our camp ground. Our address will be 113 Montgomery St., Milford, Del.—T. J. Looney, pastor.

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There will be an all-day meeting in the tent at Franklin and Main Sts., Niles, Ohio, July 12. Come and bring a well-filled basket and let's enjoy the presence of the Lord. We'll be expecting different Church of God preachers from surrounding churches.—Your for lost souls, Helen L. Morrow, Box 140, Warren, Ohio.

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If any one wants me for a meeting, please get in touch with me at once.—E. C. Mize, Draper, N. C.

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The Crisfield district convention will convene at Crisfield, Maryland, July 10-12. All ministers are expected to be present at the opening service, including our state overseer, W. C. Milligan. We invite one and all to come and enjoy the good blessings with us. The writer will be in charge. Come! We are expecting a wonderful time.—C. J. Abbott, district pastor, 14 Hudson St., Crisfield, Md.



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“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place.” Acts 2:1. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4.

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Notices

I would be glad to get in touch with any one having a tent for sale. State condition and price in first letter.—E. L. Moore, Fourth and Holly, Sanford, Fla.

There will be a home coming at Ludville, Ga., July 19. We extend a hearty invitation to all. Come and bring your lunch and let's enjoy the day. The revival is expected to start then and we solicit your prayers and co-operation through all the services.—Paul H. Jackson, pastor, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

To all the ministers and churches on the Marion, Va. district: This is to remind you that all ministers are to give 25c and all churches are to take a special offering on the first Sunday in July for the purpose of defraying the expenses of our state convention which is to soon convene. Send the offering to C. W. Collins, treasurer, 56 Buffey St., Salem, Va. Please be loyal in performing this duty and help make an ideal district.—Bun E. Hicks, district overseer, 360 Calhoun St., Wytheville, Va.

To the ministry and laity of the churches on the Bluefield, Va. district, and the churches and saints in the surrounding territory, especially the members of the Pounding Mill church: There will be a home coming—all-day meeting—and dinner on the ground at the Pounding Mill Church of God on July 12. Everybody is invited to attend this meeting. We are expecting the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to be present and have full control. There will be different speakers on the program. Preachers, come prepared to speak if called on. Every one who can, please bring something good to eat. On this day we want to try to go over the top with our 40c per member for general indebtedness, and 10c per member for aged ministers, as ruled by the General Assembly. Members, please be loyal and respond to this worthy cause. If you can not be there, please mail your quota to the church clerk before that time. The clerk is Brother Thomas Cochran, Clifffield, Va. Every one please bring 75c or \$1.00 for this day as there will possibly be some who are not able to pay their part. God will richly bless us if we sacrifice and do our best. May God richly bless you all.—Your humble servant, A. J. Cox, district overseer, Seaboard, Va.

To the Church of God on the Petersburg, W. Va. district: Our district convention will convene at Elkins, W. Va.

July 10-12. We ask every church on the district to please have a delegation at this meeting, also please take an offering and a pounding to feed the people at the convention, and turn it over to Brother C. W. Florence who is pastor of the Church of God in Elkins. We are expecting a great time in the Lord and will be looking for you. Our state overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, will be with us, D. V. I know you will enjoy his messages and good fatherly advice. We are expecting many good preachers and you will miss something if you are not present. Brother pastors, please have your missions up to date at this meeting, as it is a rule.

Great Awakening

The following is just a part of a letter from Brother John L. Stephens:

"We are experiencing a great awakening, with a revival spirit over the state. Have organized two new churches since the state meeting, and on my way to organize another tomorrow night (June 20), the Lord willing. While a number of places are ripening, every department of the Church is prospering. The outlook bids fair for a very prosperous season throughout the state, for which we feel grateful."

May God bless you, Brother Stephens. We are delighted to hear this good news.

—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

ing that each church pay an amount equal to 5 per cent of the tithes paid in. Also, don't forget the aged ministers fund. Your church is assessed 10c per member for them. And be sure to raise your 25c per member for the camp meeting site. Now we are depending on you, brethren, and we believe you will co-operate with us and we will go over the top this year with all our assessments and all that we are required to do. Then we will all be happy to know that we have been loyal. Young people, we will be looking for you at the convention with a nice Y. P. E. program, so be sure to come and let us have a good time together.—Your humble servant, Howard Statum, district overseer, Bayard, W. Va.

A revival will begin at the Church of God at Moorhead, Miss., the first Sunday in July. Sister Ora Mae Ruff will be in charge. We invite all the neighboring churches, and we earnestly desire your prayers that God will give a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost here, that souls in this town and country far and near might be stirred as never before.—Humbly, Mrs. W. K. Aaron, Moorhead, Miss.

There will be an all-day service at Brookside church on July 5. Chicken dinner will be served. Please come, one and all. We are expecting Brother G. C. Dunn, our overseer, to be with us. We especially invite all preachers near-by to come. Churches, come and bring something good to eat.—G. W. Padgett, Rt. 1, Winfield, Ala.

We are in a revival at the Church of God, Hattiesburg, Miss. Sister Morgan is preaching the Word in its power and purity. Pray for us.—A. J. Gardner, pastor.

I would like for some good Church of God preacher, one that stands foursquare for the Church, to come and hold us a meeting. This is a needy place. There is no church here but we have been having prayer meetings all winter and spring. Two have been saved. Pray that God will send us a Holy Ghost preacher.—Your brother in Christ, S. D. Jones, Wavley Rd., Columbus, Miss.

There will be a Church of God annual singing convention in Brookside the first Sunday in September. All singers are invited. Come, one and all. Let us make this the best singing in the state. Come, feel welcome and at home.—Yours for the Lord, G. W. Padgett, pastor, Rt. 1, Winfield, Ala.

The Greenville, S. C. district Sunday School convention will convene at Greer Church of God, July 12, beginning at 11 a. m. Pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and all church officials are especially urged to be present and bring all delegates possible. A cordial invitation is extended to all neighboring churches.—C. F. Grant, state S. S. and Y. P. E. Supt. of South Carolina, Spartanburg, S. C.

The Church of God at Charleston, W. Va. is in a large tent for the summer. We are having a good revival meeting each night and all the people from other churches near by are invited to come and enjoy the feast. Come up Watts St., off Washington St., to the top of Suans Hill at Darty St., opposite the cemetery.—H. L. Patrick, pastor, Charleston, W. Va.

As I have been elected state secretary and treasurer of the Y. P. E. for Florida, I am here giving my address, which is P. O. Box 212, Lakeland, Fla.—M. M. Thomas.

A revival will begin at the Church of God in Harlan, Ky., June 29. D. C. Rayhill will be in charge. Pray that God will give us many souls and please come and help us. You are welcome.—Solomon Scalf, pastor, Box 626, Harlan, Ky.

The Comforter

BY H. L. MEDLEY

"But when the Comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."—St. John 15:26.

I HAVE been impressed to write on this important subject for some time. There is a way for us to know and the Bible makes it plain that we can know, when the Holy Ghost comes into our lives. Some say when we get saved or born again, others say when we get sanctified. But, dear reader, let God's Word settle the question, the Word of God rightly divided will settle any controversy.

Jesus says, in the last clause of the 17th verse of the 14th chapter of St. John, "For he dwelleth with you and shall be in you." Jesus says, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." Matthew 18:16. "I indeed have baptized you with water but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." Mark 1:8. John answered saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Luke 3:16. "For John truly baptized with water but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:5.

We do not teach to seek tongues as some accuse us, but when the Holy Ghost comes into our lives, we will have the same evidence as the early disciples at Pentecost had. John promised the Holy Ghost to all those whom he baptized. This tears down the theory of some, that just the apostles received the Holy Ghost. Jesus reassured the promise of the Holy Ghost to His disciples just before His ascension. Acts 1:5.

Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive," John 14:15, 16. After the disciples returned from the mount that is called Olivet, back to Jerusalem, they went up into the upper room, there they found all the apostles except Judas. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. In fact, Peter said the number of names was about one hundred and twenty. What were they there for? Read Acts 2:1-4. "And

when the day of Pentecost was fully come."

The Old Testament is filled up with types and shadows. Hebrews 10:1 speaks about the law having a shadow of good things to come. Leviticus 23:4, "These are feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons." All Bible readers will admit that most all these feasts have been fulfilled. The one I want to speak of is in the 15th and 16th verses. "And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord." This was fulfilled in Acts 2:1. Pentecost means the fiftieth day. That was why all of those foreign born Jews were at Jerusalem. They were there observing these feasts.

The disciples were filled with the Holy Ghost fifty days after Jesus was raised from the dead, a fulfillment of the Old Testament type of the sheaf the priest waved before the Lord, and beautiful type of Jesus' resurrection. We read further that they were all—one hundred and twenty—with one accord in one place and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

There are teachers in these last days who are confusing the minds of the people. I know precious people who have seen the light on the baptism of the Holy Ghost but on account of certain teachers that say that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is not for everybody, they quote from 1st Corinthians 12:30, that it is the gift of tongues and that not everyone gets this gift. Now there is a difference in the baptism of the Holy Ghost, as in Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46, and several other places given in the Bible, and the gift of tongues. No one receives any of these gifts until after he is filled with the Holy Ghost.

The gifts were not set in the Church of God until after Pentecost. Some of the different churches of to-day will have some of the gifts but when they come to divers kinds of tongues they won't have that gift. The only place it

is welcome is in the Church of God. God set them in His Church and no man can take them out. Some will say, "I know they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spake with tongues in the early days of the Church, but when the last apostle died, speaking in tongues ceased." That is just man's theory. The apostle Paul said, "Let every man be a liar but God the truth." Let us look at some of the witnesses that are in the Bible.

Jesus said, "When the Comforter is come whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me and ye shall also bear witness," John 15:26, 27. "Howbeit when he the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will show you things to come," John 16:13. That's why we maintain that the Bible teaches that when the Holy Ghost comes into our lives, He, the Holy Ghost, will take control of our vocal organs and speak through the individual.

Nearly all Bible readers will agree that the Holy Ghost is a person. There was a time when God spake direct to man, such as Adam, Cain, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and many others. When Jesus came in the flesh, the second person of the trinity, He spake and taught the people for a period of time. Now, if God spake and His Son talked, would it not seem reasonable for the Holy Ghost to talk, as He is the third person of the trinity? Acts 2:7, 8. "And they were amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born?" These foreign Jews knew that this was something out of the ordinary. If they had spoken the Hebrew tongue they would not have been alarmed, but they knew that they were common, unlearned Jews, and just knew the Hebrew tongue. But there were mockers there just like there are to-day, that said, "They are full of new wine." People to-day say that it is all of the devil, but thank the Lord they don't know!

Peter soon broke the silence by saying, "These are not drunken as ye suppose—they are full of the Spirit." No doubt they acted like drunk people, just like anyone does to-day when he gets close enough to God and lets Him fill him with His Spirit. It was Joel's prophecy fulfilled. Some say that Joel doesn't say anything about speaking in tongues. That is true enough, but listen what Peter says: "This is that." He was talking about Joel's prophecy, something over seven hundred years previous. I

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lowing almost the same governmental policy. This is a sign of the last days and in my opinion the only safe thing to do is to get ready for the coming of Jesus regardless of what it may cost us. One of the startling facts put out by the authority on war is that Germany is re-arming herself. This fact, when we think of it seriously, is enough to bring us to our knees. Think about a nation that fought almost the entire world and came near conquering before the United States could get her forces there to check her onward move! With the treaty signed by Germany and the obligation broke when she marched into the Rhine, it is enough to put most all of her promises and obligations in the background. Seventy million people with the technical weapon of modern war and at the same time instilling in the hearts of its youth and manhood the most extreme, patriotic, nationalistic and militaristic conceptions, shows the determination that Germany has to conquer the world. And this spirit of bloodthirst is running rampant over the entire world and it seems that the demon of war is now possessing every nation.

In the face of all these disturbances we feel that the return of the Lord is the next great event for the Christians, and while the world is watching for peace and depending on the League of Nations to bring the ultimate results, we feel that disturbances and outbreaks of war will continue until Jesus comes; and that man of sin will be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Paul says, "Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time." I am satisfied that the thing that is withholding the Anti-christ powers is the blessed Holy Ghost working now among the people. But one thing is certain, the clouds of war and disturbance are hanging over this world and no one seems to have perfect peace any more.

With all the boast that holiness movements are making of their success, there is an after-effect that tells us so plainly that disturbances and conflicts are abroad. We get a half dozen holiness papers in this office and they are filled with thoughts and reports of the workings of the enemy. While it is true that God is working and many hearts are being blessed, yet the spirit of iniquity is abounding and the love of many is waxing cold. These are true signs of the last day.

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SUPPLIES FROM HEADQUARTERS

The Publishing House is moving forward in the same good way and everybody is busy shipping literature, printing such things as we feel would be a blessing to the people. If there ever has been a time when the Christians should wake up and acquaint themselves with the conditions that exist, it is now. We have good books on most every subject and you would do well to learn what is going on.

POLITICAL DISTURBANCES

The two leading parties in the United States are at arms again over the presidential election. It wouldn't surprise me if Jesus were to come before this wrangle is settled, and when we think about the different opinions and doctrines taught by Christians, it makes us shudder. God help us that we may not go the way of all the world. In John 12:35 Jesus said walk while it is yet light lest darkness come upon you. Of course, He was speaking to the people concerning Himself and referred to the light and truth that He had brought to the world. Then we might make another comparison of this verse. This has been an age of light and God has revealed to His servants His plan of salvation and thousands have walked therein, but there is coming a day of darkness when all the world will be overtaken and if you haven't got oil in your vessel with your lamp you will be left in the tribulation week spoken of in Dan. 9:27. I feel that we should appreciate our Christian liberty and pull together as never before for the uplift of all the saved of earth and for the salvation of the lost.

UNIVERSAL WAR

St. Matt. 24:6, 7, 8. "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not

yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

The inevitability of war among unregenerate mankind history proves. The Russian author Novikow says: "From the year 1496 B. C. to A. D. 1862 in 3,358 years, there were 227 years of peace and 3,130 years of war. Within the last three centuries there have been 286 wars in Europe. From the year 1500 B. C. to A. D. 1860 more than 8,000 treaties of peace, meant to remain in force for ever, were concluded. The average time they remained in force was two years." We have lived to see the crowning example. In August, 1914, nine declarations of war; masses of men utterly unprecedented in the history of the world — twenty-five millions — were hurled at one another; each of the five Great Powers handled an army larger than any nation ever mustered before; and literally half of mankind—nine hundred millions—were involved in murderous conflict by land, sea and air.

When we think of the war in Ethiopia and how they were burned alive and villages occupied only by women and children were blown to pieces, it is enough to make us almost lose our breath, but these are the things that the prophet said would happen just before the coming of Jesus. How active are the seething passions which create war. From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even from your lusts that war in your members? James 4:1. Of course, James was talking about war and disturbances among the members of the church, but this has a double meaning and you can apply it to the wars of the nations and the disturbed condition that is existing to-day.

One of the most alarming things we can think of is the condition of the governments. It is said by those who are in position to know that France, England, United States and Russia are fol-

Our Children's Education

A. B. DIXON, Gasparilla, Fla.

This subject has given me more concern than most anything relative to my children: Proverbs 22 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." And regardless of all the bad children of our good people, "Let God be true and every man a liar." This being true, it behooves me and every true parent, that is interested in our children and the Church of God (because our children should be Church of God material), to begin to seek the way our children should go. My children may all go from the death cell to the grave, but I believe I will still believe the Bible, unless I get like some of our children of our theologians of to-day—able to explain away its significance.

There is a great cry going up, that "we want our children educated." And that is as it should be. Every true father and mother wants their children educated. But let me say to you, father and mother, it is certainly not necessary that you worry about your children being educated. Every child will be educated, but how? I would rather my children never know U from an ox yoke, and go to heaven, than have them graduate from every college in America, and miss heaven. Every child is going to learn; don't worry about that. But what mine are going to learn, is giving me much concern. So it becomes my duty to find the way my child should go and train them up in it.

We have a good Bible School, and I am much interested in it. To the person who is going to engage in gospel work, it is very helpful, and I can recommend it for anyone, because you will actually be better prepared to worship God, if you learn to sing and read the Bible intelligibly, but all our children aren't going to be preachers. We need good godly men and women in every walk of life to-day. And they need education, to know how to perform the duties that are entrusted to them, in the world of business and commerce. And if they are only going to be farmers, an education will be very helpful.

Many of our good people are risking the souls of their children, trying to get the little good teaching that the high schools of the country have to offer, but there is a pound of bad for every ounce of good in the high schools. And it is appalling to have to think of sending them to the colleges of to-day.

What we need is a good college, where we can teach our children the many dif-

ferent occupations that there are to be followed, along with our good Bible teaching, without them having to study all the non-essential junk that is taught at other places. Also, we need an industrial school where young men and women who are not able to pay their way, can get an education without having to pay cash for it, and learn to do things by doing them. We can have all this, and I am trying this method of getting it before our good people, to see if I cannot get them to join us in working it out, so we can have a place to educate our children, because I know there are many others who are having the same concern as we.

We hear the complaint that it is so hard to get people to give, and really this looks a huge undertaking, but I believe it can be worked out so it will not be necessary for anybody to give one penny, and we can have a school all our own, with our own money, educate our own children, and any body's children that will conform to our rules and teachings. Really, we are God's children, and why be such a "bunch" of beggars? He has promised to supply our needs, and if our children don't need an education, let's quit sending them to places they are now going. If they do need an education, let's work for the promise, and provide an education that will not be detrimental to them.

Some people buy education insurance, which is only investing their money in stocks and bonds, thru some big company, and saving it until it is time for the child to go to college. That is not to be condemned, but you are not providing a college that is going to train them in the way they should go. Why not use that same money to provide a college of our own? and those of us who see no hope for our boys and girls to have a college education, can have it, if we work together, and faithfully. If you are not now providing for your child's education, it is your duty to him or them, and let's begin now.

I believe we can work out a plan that will give us just the school we need, and it will be the best investment any of us ever made. We can organize a company, with one thousand shares, at a value of one hundred dollars each (which will amount to one hundred thousand dollars), to be paid back with six per cent interest after ten years, the interest to compound yearly. By this method each one hundred dollar unit would amount to one hundred sixty-nine dollars and

forty-six cents in ten years. This could be paid to the beneficiary named by the purchaser, by schooling them, under the rules in vogue at the time of enrollment. Those who did not wish educational insurance, we could pay them in money. And we could have shares that would not be paid back, the owner just receiving the interest continuously.

The school would, of course, be controlled and directed, by the officials of the Church. And I believe it would be very easy to sell many more than a thousand shares in it. I think it is a good way for our people to insure the education of their children, in a school that won't wreck them with education.

With the money obtained from the sales of these shares, we could buy a farm large enough to grow all the food needed by the school, and plenty of surplus; we could have plants for processing and milling the surplus, and we could have industrial plants for manufacturing other commodities, at the same time teaching the students to do all these different things. I am sure that our people would be glad to buy the things they need from their own manufacturing plants. Instead of the students going to school thru the winter, and spending the summer wondering if they will be able to attend the next winter, they can stay at the school the year round, and make preparation for the winter. At the same time, they will be in training for every phase of life from producing to selling.

I am not offering this as a finished plan. There would be many things to work out. I do not say it is the best plan, there may be many more, and if we tried any one plan, and it worked ever so good, we would not know it was the best plan, because it could be possible that one of the plans not tried would be better. Those are things never known. I am only offering this as a suggestion, something to start with, with the hope that some of my good brethren will join me in working out a plan. I think a very good place for discussion of the subject will be thru the Evangel, if that is permissible. Please give this matter your prayerful consideration and let's do something for the Lord.

Your brother, for the upbuilding of the Church and humanity.

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The Soul

BY H. E. DRIGGERS

IN writing on this subject, I am endeavoring by God's help to help some poor soul that the devil has bound in deceit. It is a fact that the enemy has poisoned the minds of the people by atheism in this day, but we, the children of God, know in whom we trust. We can sing praises unto Christ our Redeemer for a full salvation and an assurance of a resting place for our souls.

Text: Gen. 1:26; 2:7, "And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (not a dead one). Now the atheists teach that there is no God. In Psalms 14:1 we find these words, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." It does not say that he has convinced his heart that there is no God. They teach that there is no hereafter, no soul; but God said man became a living soul. If there is no God, why does the infidel take God's name in vain? That shows that he has enough godly instinct to teach him there is a God. If not, why do they use His name? If there is no God, there is no use to teach against Him. But God says He made man a living soul.

When God created man, we notice He first made the body for the soul to dwell in. He was not yet a living soul. The body is only a temporary dwelling place for the soul. Then we notice God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. To prove the soul is still alive after taking flight from this body, we notice 1 Cor. 13:12. The apostle Paul says in the latter clause, "But then shall I know even as also I am known." Paul declares that even after death has claimed his spirit, he shall know as he is known. Won't that be wonderful?

I one time heard a minister, in conducting a funeral, declare that we shall not know each other up there. Such a remark is unscriptural. To prove it is not scriptural, we look at Luke 16:23, 24: "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." This shows that man shall know in the hereafter. Dives, the rich man, died and in hell he lifted up his eyes. He saw Lazarus in Father Abraham's bosom.

He said he was tormented in the flame, which shows that the soul is the person, for it has the same mind, feeling, and sight in the hereafter as in this present world.

THE DESTINATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS SOUL

We know that we are going somewhere, and it is up to us to select our destination. In Heb. 9:27 we hear the apostle Paul say, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." In Ecclesiastes we find these words, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit (or soul) shall return unto God who gave it." We know if we live a righteous life in this world, God will receive us unto Himself. We hear Jesus say in St. John 14:3, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." What a great consolation to the child of God, to know that Jesus is coming back for us and our future abode is with Him! Rev. 21:7, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." This is the destination of the righteous soul. How encouraging to know that where Jesus is we shall be also!

THE DESTINATION OF THE WICKED SOUL

Psa. 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God." We notice that in some nations today they have forgotten God. They have torn down God's house and made a house of amusements of it, to use it for debauchery and every other vile crime possible, to fill the lust of the flesh, to drag innocent souls down to hell. People, it is horrible to think of such things, but it is true. We should be thankful for the stars and stripes, for the United States, a place where we can worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience. But, dear hearts, there is coming a time when the people of God here will no doubt have to worship God in secret; but on with the wicked. Job says that he shall perish forever. Who? The wicked soul and the nations that forget God.

We know that the wicked shall be in everlasting destruction. Rev. 21:8, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Therefore, if

there is no soul, why is the wicked cast into the lake of fire? If they have no feeling, it would be a mighty dumb thing of God to put them in a lake of fire, and not punish them for this wickedness.

God is going to give rest to the righteous, I am sure. Praise God! Job further says in 21:30 that "the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction, they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath." The wicked soul, dear hearts, will have to face and endure the wrath of a sin-hating God. Let's live a little closer to God, for Jesus is coming soon. I cannot find a scripture in the New Testament that is not fulfilled concerning His coming. Let's be true, keep our lamps trimmed and burning, and do like Paul said he did. He said he died daily, not a physical death, but to the world and the lust of the flesh. We must be unspotted from the world if we go when He comes. David says in Psa. 145:20, "The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will be destroyed." Let's tell others of this great salvation, bought on Calvary by our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord. He that winneth is wise.

New Church Set in Order

BAXLEY, Ga. — We have a new church. Yes sir! Where? On the Hazlehurst, Ga. district, set in order by the writer, who is district overseer. We have twelve members to start with with eight more to follow, making a total of twenty. We ask all to pray much that God will bless our work this year and that we will be able to win souls for Him.—J. A. Hipps.

Blesses Our Weakest Efforts For Him

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Our district convention must not go unmentioned, which was held April 24-26. We are glad to tell the world how Jesus will bless His children when they gather together, for we know when two or three gather in His name, He is in the midst to own and bless, even our weakest effort.

Brother Cross fed our souls wonderfully, especially his message to the preachers and their wives. We had the privilege of being in our new home for convention too, which is located at Meridian and Berry Streets.

Brother and Sister Lyle, and Brother and Sister Bryant from Campaign were with us, also a brother and his family from Kentucky. Pray for God to continue to bless our church that it may be as a lighthouse set on a hill.—Your sister in Christ, Elsie Lindsey, 4902 Alabama Ave.

REVIVALS

BROCKDELL, Tenn.—We started a revival May 31 at Brockdell, conducted by the pastor, with Sister Amy Kilgore from Dunlap doing the preaching. Eight were saved, six sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, and six baptized in water. There were large crowds at this meeting.—Dick Lewis, pastor.

THOMASTON, Ga.—I thank the Lord for the good revival which just closed here. It started May 10 and closed June 7. The Lord surely did bless. Five were saved, four sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church (one by transfer), and six were baptized in water. The whole church was edified. Brother James Elliott was in charge. Brother and Sister Ming, Sister Eunice Martin, pastor and wife, and Brother and Sister Toler assisted. Every one who reads this please pray for the Church of God here in Thomaston, Ga. Please pray for your old sister in Christ.—Mary Lynch, 104 2nd St.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—We have just closed a good revival in which the Lord wonderfully blessed. Brother A. M. Phillips and wife of Belmont, N. C., were in charge of the meeting. Brother Phillips is a good evangelist and we surely enjoyed their stay with us. About fifteen were saved, ten sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Brother and Sister Phillips' special songs and music was one feature that was enjoyed. We invite them back any time. God bless them as they read this. Our church work here is progressing nicely. Pray for us.—G. C. Hamby, pastor.

SYLACAUGA, Ala.—On May 17 we started a revival with Brother Earl Brewer doing the preaching. The Lord really blessed during the four weeks' revival. Many were saved and sanctified, seventeen or eighteen filled with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water, and twelve added to the church. We appreciate having Brother Brewer and family with us and hope they will be back again sometime. We appreciate the co-operation of the church. We also appreciate our pastor and his wonderful work he has done here. The Holy Ghost took charge several nights and gave the altar call. Several were reclaimed. Every child of God pray for me and our church

here.—A sister in Christ, Mattie Love Smith.

BARTOW, Fla.—We surely praise and thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing us here at Bartow. We thank Him for the two and one-half weeks' revival conducted by Sister Alford. Many souls were blessed. Seven were saved and sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water, and three added to the church. It is wonderful what God can do for us. Praise His great name! Prayer changes things. We appreciate our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Alex Duncan. Truly they are doing all they can for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God and the Church of God. Pray for the church here that God will continue to bless and a special prayer for financial aid as we have only a few male members.—A sister in Christ, Dora Cowles.

BREWSTERTON, Tenn.—We thank the Lord for the two weeks' revival which we had in March in which five were filled with the Holy Ghost, three sanctified and others were interested who want to be saved. Several want the Holy Ghost. We don't have a pastor but are holding prayer meetings three nights a week. We also have Sunday School with an attendance of around fifty-three. Our revivals were held by Brother Avery Lane of Lenoir City. Pray that God will send us help, we need it.—Your sister in Christ, Polly Brewer.

SAMSON, Ala.—We have just closed a revival conducted by Elder J. L. Ford which is said to be his first revival on the field. The revival began June 15 and closed June 22. We had a very happy time. The Lord wonderfully blessed and poured out His power from on high. Three were at the altar and one came through to the Holy Ghost. The power of God was very great. We thank God for Elder J. L. Ford. He is a faithful worker for the Lord. The sick were healed and devils cast out. Pray a special prayer for him.—A sister in the Church of God, Maude Wilson (colored).

PARIS, Ky.—We have just closed a revival at Shawhan, Ky. which started June 9. I left Paris on Monday afternoon and arrived in Shawhan around five o'clock.

On Tuesday evening God gave me a lot, a tent, enough seats for around sixty-seven people. We had five and six lanterns. We had five people the first night besides myself, the second night we had ten or fifteen and from then on the crowds ran on up in numbers to fifty or more. Meeting went on until the 18th. In the ten nights one got saved and many held up their hands for prayer. They

wanted me to go on with the meeting. Brother A. P. Reffett came a few nights and helped me in the meeting. He walked four miles to get there. They want me to come back this fall and hold another meeting, if it was the Lord's will. I am planning on going to Richmond tomorrow morning, D. V. Pray for the little church in Paris, also pray for me.—Evangelist Effie Mae Hubbard.

GLENDORA, Calif.—We closed a four weeks' revival here Sunday night with eight saved and two sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Webb, our state overseer, came over Sunday morning and preached for us. He preached Sunday night on the church, then set a church in order with nine members. The evangelist for the revival was Brother W. H. Brown of Los Angeles. Pray for the baby church in Glendora, Calif.—H. Vail, pastor, Gen. Del.

CENTRAL, S. C.—We truly thank the Lord for a great revival held at Central, S. C. Church of God which began in May. The Lord wonderfully saved thirty-nine, sanctified twenty-nine, and filled sixteen with the Holy Ghost. Fourteen were baptized in water and eighteen added to the church. This revival was conducted by Brother W. L. Edgar and Brother Thomas Bell. Some nights the Holy Ghost would take charge and they wouldn't get to preach. They are good evangelists. Please remember Central Church of God when you pray.—Henry Brewer, pastor, 20 Sirrine St., Seneca, S. C.

LAURENS, S. C.—We have just closed a revival at the Church of God at Laurens with great success. About forty were saved, a goodly number sanctified, several filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. The revival closed with the altar full of seekers. Brother C. E. McAbee did the preaching. The Lord surely used him in giving out the Word. Please pray for us and pray that the Lord will continue to bless and save many souls.—Your brother, R. G. Looney, pastor.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, please pray for me to be filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. I surely would like for some one to anoint a handkerchief and send it to me. Pray for Mrs. Carrie Lupo.—Malcolm Moody, Rt. 3, Dillon, S. C.

I am asking you to earnestly pray for my daughter. She has bad kidney trouble. Pray for God to save and heal her. Please pray for me to stay in the center of God's will.—Mrs. W. H. Bray, Heyworth, Ill.

REPORTS

Joplin, Mo. Dist. Convention

The Joplin, Mo. district convention convened at Brighton, Mo., May 28-31. It was greatly enjoyed by the saints and others as well.

On Thursday night the welcome address was given by Brother O. B. Presley, the pastor, and response by Sister Geneva Presley and Sister Cragg. Next was a special song, later a sermon by Brother Z. V. Douglas, district overseer. Friday morning we were favored with a sermon by Brother W. J. Milligan, state overseer. Friday night we had quite a number of special songs which were enjoyed very much. Brother Milligan brought forth a wonderful message.

Saturday morning Z. V. Douglas delivered the message. Next was a special song by Joe Milligan, followed by reports of the churches, each church being represented. Saturday night a mission offering was taken which amounted to \$16.00. Then came some special singing and later a sermon by Brother W. J. Milligan.

Sunday morning Brother Milligan again delivered a message. Then an offering was taken for the orphans which amounted to \$5.53. Sunday afternoon we assembled again. After a good, lively song service, Sister Geneva Presley and Sister Cragg gave short interesting talks. Next we had special singing by the Brighton trio. The power of God fell and shouts rang throughout the building. Then Sister Montgomery brought forth a message. Sunday night how did you enjoy the convention and praise service was conducted by Brother Milligan. Later Brother Z. V. Douglas brought forth our last sermon. At last came time for handshakes and good-byes, and as we separated to go to our homes we felt like we had been greatly benefited by the convention.—Miss Eunice Presley, clerk.

Youngstown Dist. Convention

On May 29 we gathered at the Church of God, Struthers, Ohio, for the Youngstown, Ohio, district convention. The presence of the Lord was felt from the first service. A warm-hearted welcome was given by the pastor followed by good responses. Then the testimony meeting was led by the district pastor, Brother Morrow.

On Saturday morning Brother Weddle of Uhrichsville preached on "The Holy Ghost." We will long remember his message which was backed by the power of God. Following this Sister Ricker preached on "Hell." She wept as she related the compromising spirit of our day,

and rejoiced as she told of God's goodness and what salvation had meant to her. Brother Haynes, our good overseer, sang a special, "God Holds the Future in His Hands," which was enjoyed. At two o'clock we again assembled with seemingly every heart filled with the Spirit of God. Sister Mellinger of Akron led the song service. Shouts of glory rang in our midst. Sister Bessie Suits brought us a wonderful message on "The Results of a Spirit-filled Life." She was followed by Brother Bell of Akron. Surely God honored Brother Bell as he gave out His Word. Many wept as Brother Haynes sang "Burn the Dross Out of Me."

Saturday night was given to the Y. P. E.'s of the district. Good talent was manifested as each part was carried out so devotedly. Thank God for the young people.

Sunday at 9:30 a. m. we met again and after a good song service our esteemed overseer brought us a wonderful message on "Old Landmarks." God wonderfully anointed him for the occasion. He seemed overflowed by the power of God. Then Brother Galbreath brought the 11:00 o'clock message. Sunday afternoon Brother Waggoner brought a message on "God's Sifting Time." Brother Warden brought us words of encouragement, telling us God will be with us if we will only obey Him. A sweet time of weeping was then felt as Brother Haynes sang another one of his specials. Last but not least was our Sunday night service. It seemed that the glory of God filled the building from the beginning. God surely poured out His Spirit. Saints rejoiced, danced, shouted, and talked in tongues. Next came a good testimony meeting. Sister Haynes delivered a wonderful message on "The Church of God" which was greatly enjoyed. It made us more determined to live a suitable life to be members of that great body. Handshakes and good-byes came and we parted and went to our homes, feeling that the convention had been a blessing.—Gertrude Metcalf.

South Mississippi S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention

The South Mississippi Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention was a success. It convened May 30 at McCall Creek church. Services began at 8:00 p. m. with a large crowd. We had delegates from several parts of the state. Our state overseer, also Brother A. J. Gardner, state Sunday School superintendent, and Sister Mava Morgan, state superintendent of Y. P. E., were with us. This was the first time we have had a convention of this kind. The speakers were at their best. God blessed every one who attended this convention.

Saturday night was devoted to Y. P.

E. work with Sister Morgan in charge. This was fine. We feel that the Y. P. E. work is growing.

Sunday was devoted to Sunday School work and it was a grand day for everybody. We have made some wonderful progress along the line of Sunday School work. We had fine singing throughout the convention. We are not dead in Mississippi, we are getting to the place now where we can do something worth while. This is the result of some faithful and patient work of our state overseer, Brother T. M. McClendon. He has worked hard to get the ministers and churches to co-operate with him and we can see the result of his labors. I believe that all the loyal ministers and members of the Church of God in Mississippi love and appreciate him as our overseer. We are looking forward to greater things for God and His Church. Come on, Mississippi, let's go.—Horace Taylor, district pastor, Meadville district.

God Heals

I praise the Lord for His healing power. On June 1 Brother L. G. Rouse was holding a meeting at Freeburn, Kentucky. The lame and crippled were brought to him. One girl that had been in the sanatorium for several months with T. B. was brought one night. Brother Rouse just talked to her and had her jump up and down from a porch without the least worry. She said she was healed. People were healed of different troubles. One lady had a goiter on her neck and while Brother Rouse talked to her she swallowed and it was gone. I could give you several other outstanding cases that were healed in these meetings but I don't wish to take up too much space. I know God is working wonders through His servant, Brother Rouse. I feel that we all should help this brother in every way we can to carry this great work on.—A brother in Christ, Elliott Justice, Phelps, Kentucky.

He is Wonderful to Me

Dear readers of the Evangel, I praise the dear Lord for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost over forty years ago. I praise God because I am still saved and am going up the shining way.

I praise Him for healing. I had been afflicted for ten years. He healed me and to-day I am still healed. I am going on for Jesus. Oh, He is so wonderful to me. He keeps me and supplies all my needs. I am in the service of my King. Truly He has been so good to me. I will soon be seventy-four years old and I feel brand new. Please pray for me that I will stay in the center of God's will.—Yours in Christ, Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin, Des Moines, Iowa.

I Need Prayer Now

SCOTTSBORO, Ala.—To the saints, greetings in Jesus' name. I praise the Lord this morning for what He is to me. I am glad that even in this time of trials and tribulation, with sin and evil all around us, I can still report victory. Thank the Lord for keeping me, although I am having a battle to fight. Please pray for me. Don't pass this up as just a request, but pray for me, I need your prayers now.

The Lord is so good to me, I don't mean to ever turn back. No, but I want to get stronger and more like Jesus and able to suffer for Him, that I may do more for Him. It's time every child of God was trying to rouse up and be wide awake, working, and watching for Him. If we could realize just what He is to us, surely we would be trying to do more for Him.

While we were in prayer for the sick He healed our nephew's baby of yellow thrush after he had gotten so sick it just looked like he couldn't live. He looked like he was dying when we went to pray but we prayed and the Lord raised him up. He sat up and played until we quit praying. He also healed my husband and his sister's husband, baby and two others. How wonderful the Lord is to us when we humble ourselves. Pray for us here in Santa Bottom.—A sister in Christ, Fannie Hastings.

Power Comes Down

MARIETTA, S. C.—Dear saints, we have a nice church at Jones Mountain with quite a number of members. We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed here. We are proud of our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister John Hanvey. We haven't got our church built yet but have started it. We are making slow progress at building on account of finance but we know the Lord will provide. Pray that we may get our church built soon.

Our dear pastor and wife ran a revival here last summer and the Lord blessed wonderfully. Many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. It was there that I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and saw light on the Church of God. I am now a member of the dear Church of God and believe in it with all my heart. Some unbelievers said that winter would end the results of the revival, but many of us went through the snow to service and had a good time in the Lord. The power comes down at times now in our service and we get good blessings.

Our state overseer, Brother Johnson, paid us a visit a few weeks ago and his message was uplifting. I praise the Lord for a salvation that will keep us glad

and free if we will just be humble and obey.—A humble brother, Archie Smith.

Feel We Are in God's Will

DENVER, Colo.—Dear readers of the Evangel, to-day finds us in the city of Denver, Colorado, and we had rather be here than any place on earth because we feel we are in God's will. If we follow the leadings of the Lord, He never leads us to any easy place where we will have everything in abundance, but to the place where we will have to pray and trust in Him for our supply. But I believe our utter dependence in Him is well pleasing in His sight, and the best part is He never fails.

The Lord spoke to Sister Dorothy Diefenderfer and me last fall to come to Denver. We didn't feel it was just at that time the Lord would have us come, so we went back to the New England states with an open heart to go at God's appointed time.

Sister H. W. Poteat fasted and prayed with us during the winter (as we are to help bear one another's burdens) and God spoke and told us when He would have us come. He also spoke to Brother and Sister Poteat and told them to bring us. They were not disobedient to the voice of the Lord but said amen to Jesus, not even counting the cost, because God had spoken, with no selfish desire to keep us on their territory either, but said the will of the Lord be done.

We came through many places where they couldn't imagine why the Lord was sending us so far away when there were so many needy fields near by. We had openings on the way with good offers so far as the material things are concerned, but as Paul was determined to go to Jerusalem even though bonds and afflictions awaited him there, so we were determined to come to Denver in obedience to the call of God. In the 8th chapter of Acts the Lord spoke and told Philip to arise and go forward unto Gaza which is desert. We have no record of where he stopped to question God about the matter, but in obedience to God's command Philip was soon up and on his way. Even as Philip found the eunuch down in the desert, so we found hungry souls in Denver.

We prayed and God heard and helped us purchase a piano, chairs, etc. at a very reasonable price. We opened a little mission on the west side of the city the first part of May. God blesses in a marvelous way every service. The power comes down in showers and we are having shouting, dancing, and speaking in other tongues. We have good crowds for a new opening, also have a good crowd of spectators on the outside. No doubt many are

afraid to enter on account of the Holy Ghost power, but will finally get hungry and will venture in.

We have found out some reasons why the Lord sent us which we will relate at this time. Not long after we arrived, we came in contact with a man and his wife who had heard of the Church of God sometime ago and they were crying out to God to send a Church of God to Denver. The wife was in such utter despair that she was sick in bed. But when we visited her and informed her that we were opening up a mission, she immediately got out of bed and came to service that very night and hasn't missed a service, although she lives six miles away. She is a wonderful pianist and plays for us.

A lady whom I had met in Pueblo, Colo., about nine years ago had been attending a church where she felt very unwelcome because of the Holy Ghost power which was demonstrated through her (seemed to be offensive to some), and she was praying for God to open a place where she could have her freedom. The Lord spoke to her and said, "I have opened a house of prayer." While she was wondering what the Lord could mean we walked into her place and told her we had opened a mission here. She has been attending regularly and praises God for sending us.

There was a man who lived here who had received his Baptism in Illinois in the Church of God several years ago. He had prayed for a Church of God and longed to worship with our folks once more as he didn't feel at home in other churches. And don't you think God would answer the prayers of those faithful ones, even though He sent us hundreds of miles? Distance means nothing to God.

Brother Douglas, our state overseer, and his wife were with us the first week. They are very precious people who like to see the cause move forward and are willing to sacrifice for this purpose. The people who heard him preach are very anxious for their return and we hope to have them with us again soon, as we are hoping to open a tent meeting the first part of July, D. V. We are also expecting Brother Baney and his family with us at that time from Dyersburg, Tenn.

Every one who reads this please pray for our success here. This is a city of about 350,000 population and there is room for many more missions. So if the Lord speaks to your heart to come this way, come on. The Lord will see you through.

Sister Dorothy and I are very happy here and God is supplying our needs.—Your sister in Christ, Goldie Banks.

MISSIONS

Church of God Full Gospel In Malabar Now Church of God Also Free Assembly of God Joining

Mr. Zeno C. Tharp, Mission Secretary,
Cleveland, Tennessee, U. S. A.
Dear Brother Tharp:

Out of consideration for our help to their brother and coworker (Brother Manoah), the United Church of S. India is tendering us the free and uninterrupted use of her church and is considering the Church of God. Also the Baptist church in Octacamund is considering the Church of God and they are opening their doors to us. The Baptist minister's daughter received the Holy Ghost a few days ago and he is praying for the blessing. They were to have a meeting of the board Tuesday of this week and decide on the question of the church property and of uniting with the Church of God.

Long before this you should have received a cablegram for funds and prayer and of the great mass movement to the Church of God here in India. It is too marvelous to believe, it seems, when one sees it with his own eyes. We have actually captured fifty-eight Pentecostal churches, pastors, deacons, and all. There are thirty-five Sunday Schools ranging in attendance from forty to three hundred, generally, and the combined membership will run near four thousand. In fact, there had been 3,610 baptized in water up to 1934, and wholesale numbers baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are checking up the list and revising it to date and will give a full report.

This work is among the Syrian Christians, largely, and is an old work started nearly 1900 years ago by the "Thomas-ites," followers of St. Thomas, and twenty-three years ago this Pentecostal work was started by pastor Robt. F. Cook, who was with the General Council Assemblies of God up to about ten years ago when he decided on going independent. They have thousands of dollars worth of property and a Bible School with accommodations for around eighty students. They have around twenty permanent buildings, their own light plant, etc. One church gave about \$5,000.00 on the headquarters buildings, which is a massive stone structure.

It is a long story but God miraculously brought us together in this work. Will

tell all about it later. I have preached four sermons to-day and have to preach again to-night and leave on the midnight train for Ceylon. I can't understand it. The power of God has been so upon me that I can hardly sleep or eat, and He has brought me through this deadly climate with hundreds of people dying with cholera, etc., others eaten up with leprosy. Every spirit of division and discord has been swept aside. People laid down their hoes and plows and left their shops, walking for miles to the meetings. We can't find buildings anywhere to hold the crowds. People sit for hours with their eyes fixed upon us, drinking in the truths as one after another rises under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. There are usually six to seven thousand in the annual meetings. Had about six hundred gathered in and about one little outstation to-day. I can't get any time for anything but talk with the people, pray for them, and shake hands with them, when I am not in the meetings. People of all castes, high and low, are seeking God; for example, big railroad men, doctors, dentists, officials, police, etc. I have been almost scared at times that we would grieve God for they treat me like I was a king or president instead of a Church of God preacher. But God is keeping me humble. He has thoroughly broken me up. I can't do anything but cry, it seems.

We have also taken over five other churches and missions in another part, and God has given us a fine Swedish missionary and wife to help Brother Cook in the work. This man speaks five languages, including the Greek, which he teaches. He was a Baptist minister, formerly. We have had a general meeting and got the pastors in the headquarters and all are unanimously agreed to come in the Church of God. The power of God fell in every service, messages and interpretations came forth that I was sent of God to gather them into the fold. They voluntarily and unanimously decided to put all the property into the Church of God and let us take it and carry on until Jesus comes.

Many others are looking this way and the support of the work will not be very great to begin with. I have all papers fixed up in the vernacular and am having them translated into English and will send every thing in the regular mail—maps, etc., resolutions included. Please run a piece in the paper and ask every one to pray and give all they can up until the Assembly. I have a line on another

group of about ten thousand in Africa, and about a million here, comprising one heathen group, are considering a mass movement to the Christian Church and we have our net set for them. A great stir is on all over the world and I can't ever fill all the calls, I fear. This appears to be a new era for the Church of God if we can just pull together and keep steady.—Sincerely, J. H. Ingram.

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Report From the Bahamas

Dear Evangel Family: Greetings.

The dear Lord has favored us with another glorious state convention. A few days before the schedule time, the delegates from the various out-islands started to crowd into the beautiful little city of Nassau, and at our introductory service on Monday night, May 4, we had a well-filled house, and they kept coming, and the tide of glory kept rising higher and higher.

On Wednesday morning we were agreeably surprised to see our esteemed Assistant General Overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, and Bishops C. F. Bright, David La Fleur, and N. S. Marcelle, from the States. The services of these great men were valuable, their preaching was always unctionized by the Holy Spirit. The Church of God should be very thankful for these humble, noble, stable, sober, Spirit-filled men. Brethren, let us stay humble! We have some of the best material in the world. The Church of God is right.

Our Bahamian preachers rendered excellent service, and they seemed to have received a special anointing in this great convention, and have gone forth to their various fields of labor, with greater zeal than before.

Another remarkable feature was the unity that existed throughout the whole session. There was not the slightest friction among the elders in council as they met from time to time in their various committees to put forth suggestions for the coming convention year, and we are thankful that we are learning to love each other. The theme of most every heart was love and praise, according to the various mottoes which were hung in convenient places throughout the convention building.

The music in this convention was simply grand. To miss one of these spiritual feasts, really means much. There were quite a few more special features that we could mention, but space may not permit. Above all, we are thankful to God our heavenly Father for His sweet presence and rich blessings, and we earnestly request your sincere prayers, that this will be a most blessed year for us over here in the Bahamas.—Yours for the dear old Church of God, William R. Franks, Overseer of Bahamas.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

BY YOLANDA VIOLA DEFINO

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 13:10.

"Mission" is defined as a business or duty on which one is sent. The missions of which we should be most concerned are gospel missions.

In order to know and appreciate the value of gospel missions we must have a clear vision of lost souls. Someone has reported an average of sixty-six unsaved people dying every minute. SIXTY-SIX UNSAVED PEOPLE EVERY MINUTE! O God, help us to realize the vastness of unsaved people and open our hearts to gospel missions.

We also know that every human being has a god. In Old Testament days most heathens worshiped Baal. The people in Paul's day worshiped an unknown God. "As I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD . . ." Acts 17:23.

To-day the heathen are still worshipping strange gods—the moon, the sun, the stars, trees, fire, etc. One nation in particular believes the cow to be supernatural. They believe she is a sustainer of life because she supplies them with milk for food. How grateful I am for a God who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

"What am I to do about the heathen?" you query. Let us turn to Mark 16:15 and observe what the greatest of all missionaries has commanded: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "Jesus was talking to the tribe of Levi (preachers)," you reply. "We are not all called to preach. Furthermore I couldn't preach if I tried."

Do you hear Moses? "I am not eloquent . . . but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." Ex. 4:10. Can you imagine God and Moses conversing thus: Handicapped as I am in speech, how do you expect me to go before the Israelites? I, talk to Pharaoh? No, indeed! That is impossible. (Some of the most noted men of literature were very, very poor speakers.) You are right, Moses. I never gave your slowness of speech a thought. Just continue to care for the sheep; I'll find someone else to go to the Israelites and Pharaoh. Indeed not! Nothing like this transpired. Rather, GO, and Aaron will meet you. I know he can speak well. He shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. (4th ch. Exod.) He will be your spokesman.

Did you say, "I can't preach, send someone else?"

There may be some in our home church that may be called to take the gospel to foreign fields. It may be my

brother or sister. It may be your son or daughter. Somebody must go. (Brother Ingram is now making a survey of the foreign lands. God bless his good efforts. I really believe he was called of God.)

Is it God's will that we refrain from carrying the full gospel to them who have never heard of the living God and His plan of salvation? No, a thousand times no! "And the word of the Lord was published throughout all regions," Acts 13:49.

I have heard many ask, "Will the heathen (ignorant of God) be held accountable in the day of judgment?" Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by (through) me." John 14:6. How then can the heathen go to the Father except they go through Christ, and how can they go through Christ of whom they have never heard?

It is for you and I as followers of Christ to feed the Bread of Life (John 6:35) to them in distress. How? Support the missions. If you can't give a dollar, give a penny. Remember, we can't purchase a loaf of bread with a cent but we can with ten cents. Let us not hold back our pennies.

The poor widow is saying, "I haven't even a penny to give. I am dependent on my good neighbors for my food and clothing. What can I do?" A young evangelist once said something to this effect, "Wherever a soul was saved, I knew at home my mother was praying. It was not the influence of my preaching but the prayers of my mother that won them to God." Prayers are the guard rails on the highway to heaven. A sincere prayer uttered from a clean heart is worth more than all the gold in the world. Surely you can help the missions by prayer.

Listen! Church of God, do you hear the turbulent, roaring, swiftly rolling waters, waters of sin? Do you hear the painful cries of agony, almost too horrible for human ears? What message is conveyed by those pitiful cries? LISTEN! Jesus died to save US. Come help us ere we perish.

In conclusion I say with the poet:
"If I have eaten my morsel alone,"

The patriarch spoke with scorn;
What would he think of the Church
were he shown

Heathendom-huge, forlorn,
Godless, Christless, with soul unfed,
While the Church's ailment is fullness of bread,

Eating her morsel alone?

"Freely we have received, so give,"

He bade, who hath given us all.
How shall the soul in us longer live
Deaf to their starving call,

For whom the blood of the Lord was shed

And His body broken to give them bread,
If we eat our morsel alone?"

Many Interested in Work

NEELY, Miss.—We thank and praise God for His many blessings that He has in store for those who love Him. We are but a small band of saints here at Neely but God has really blessed us and we give Him all the praise.

Brother E. N. Wright came here in October and took up the work. At that time there was not much interest shown. Now many seem interested and the work is growing under his able leadership. When he came here we were having one service a month. Now we have a Sunday School and three services a month. We have also just organized a Y. P. E. with about fifty members.

The first Sunday in June we had a home coming day. Brother Taylor from Red Hill preached for us which was really enjoyed by all. Special songs were sung and at noon dinner was served. After noon we all met again for the purpose of organizing a Y. P. E. Brother Thurman Pearson from Hattiesburg gave a talk on the Y. P. E. and its benefits, also organized the Y. P. E. Many seem to be interested in it. We need the prayers of the great Church of God for our work here. Our beloved state overseer, Brother T. M. McClendon, has visited us twice this year. Come again. Brother McClendon, we would like to see you again. Saints, don't forget to pray for us.—A sister in Christ, Maisie V. Hillman.

Words of Encouragement a Blessing

CLEVELAND, Ohio. — We truly thank God for the way He has blessed us since Jan. 5th. The Lord has blessed us with sixteen members. We ask all of the saints everywhere to pray for our success. I started this mission alone. Our first service was Sunday School and we had sixteen present. Sunday night we had forty-nine. Truly we thank God for the way His power falls. We are determined by the help of God to have a real Church of God here in Cleveland, Ohio.

We received a letter from Elder Curry to-day, June 12. Oh, how we thank God for the encouraging words he gave us. Truly, we thank God for him. We hope he will be able to come here. Elder G. Byrd of Pittsburg, Pa., is our overseer. We believe he is a real man of God. We are hoping he will be able to come soon also. Please pray a special prayer for us.—Your humble servant, Elder A. Feaster, 3937 Central Ave.

Report of Canadian Conv'n.

The third annual Church of God convention in Saskatchewan has come and gone. As usual it convened at Robsart, Sask., from June 4-7.

We were glad to have our overseer, Brother Paul H. Walker, and family, also Sister Edna Grove of Minot, N. Dak. with us. Our overseer's timely messages brought to us each evening were much appreciated.

A splendid orchestra and good singers at each service helped to make the convention a success. From the opening service when Brother Chas. Bowen, the local pastor, gave the welcome address, all were made to feel at home and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord. Several interesting and beneficial messages were brought by the various preachers present. One of the outstanding features of the convention was the Bible School program presented by former students of the Northwest Bible and Music Academy at Minot, N. Dak. and of the Bible Training School at Cleveland, Tenn. It seemed to instill in the minds of all present a desire to do more for Jesus and be better equipped workers for Him.

Several hungry souls were at the altar each evening and at least three had a definite experience of salvation and one was baptized with the Holy Ghost. Eternity alone will tell the good accomplished. At last the convention drew to a close and the sad time of parting came. All left for their various fields of labor with a greater desire to battle on for Jesus until He comes. Pray for the work in Canada.—A sister in Jesus, Florence Bachman.

Carrollton, Ga. Dist. Conv'n.

The Carrollton, Ga. district convention was held at Carrollton, Ga. June 12-14 and a great time in the Lord was the result. We are thankful for the great service rendered by Brother Black of Rome.

The Carrollton district is growing at a rapid rate under the leadership of Brother Brown, our district pastor. We have seven churches, two having been set up only about two months, more or less.

In 1930 when Brother Brown landed in Cedartown, Ga. from Texas there were only, to our knowledge, seven members, so you can see what he has accomplished in the last six years. Brother Brown is a faithful old soldier who has fought the battle as only a child of God could and he preaches the Word as it is. Along with our many members we have several young ministers.

Friday evening we opened service with a concert prayer and song service. Brother Brown delivered the welcome address. Next response was given by Brother C.

N. O'Kelly, Sister Gann, Brother Rone Norton, and Brother Gann. Brother Black then brought a great message which was very good. The sermon was followed by a song and prayer and we were dismissed for the evening.

Saturday's service opened with song and prayer service, followed by a sermon by Brother Chambers. After the sermon the following gave talks: Brothers Gann, Norton, Johnson, and Blanks. This was followed by a testimony service conducted by Brother Brown. The afternoon service opened with songs and prayer service followed by reports of churches on the district with talks by their pastors. Next talks were given by Sisters Duke and Lolbert. After these talks an altar call was given. Saturday night after song and prayer service we had a praise service followed by a sermon by Brother Black and an altar service.

Sunday morning after song and prayer service Brother C. N. O'Kelly brought forth a message followed by a talk on missions by F. M. Moore. Brother Akin then favored us with a sermon. In the afternoon the Shannon string band played and sang for us. We had a healing service and the power of the Lord worked wonderfully. Brother Gann brought a message followed by an altar call. The evening service opened with song and prayer service. We had a testimony service conducted by Sister Effie Freeman and songs by Brother Norton followed by a sermon. We then had an altar service.—J. R. Chambers, reporter.

God So Merciful to Me

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Dear Evangel readers, truly I have much to praise the Lord for, for the way He keeps and blesses me from day to day. The Lord healed me of a serious kidney trouble which was affecting my heart so that I had heart attacks. I promised Him I would serve Him if He would heal me. He healed me but I did not keep my word. He was so merciful to spare me until I got saved.

I still have one affliction that I wish all who read this would pray for, especially Brother Rouse. I also pray and ask that every one else pray that the Lord will sanctify and baptize me with the Holy Ghost.

I thank the Lord for our wonderful church we have in Jacksonville, and our good pastor, Brother T. W. Godwin. I am yet very young, only fifteen years old. I know the Lord can use me for His glory. Please pray for me.—Your brother in Christ, Alfred Boree, 2915 Plum St.

Christ will not stay in the heart of one who will not be a true missionary for him. He comes into our hearts to make missionaries of us as truly as he does to make Christians of us.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Kansas-Nebraska-Iowa Convention
Pittsburg, Kans., July 10-12
J. M. SNYDER, Overseer

Georgia Camp Meeting
Macon, Ga., July 9-19
J. P. HUGHES, Overseer

Oklahoma State Convention and Camp Meeting
Maud, Okla., July 13-19
S. J. WOOD, Overseer

Alabama State Camp Meeting
Sumiton, Ala., July 17-26
G. C. DUNN, Overseer

West Virginia State Convention
Bayard, W. Va., July 23-26
E. C. CLARK, Overseer

Kentucky State Camp Meeting
Somerset, Ky., July 23-Aug. 1
J. C. JERNIGAN, Overseer

South Carolina State Convention
Greenville, S. C., July 30-Aug. 2
R. P. JOHNSON, Overseer

Mississippi State Camp Meeting
July 30-Aug. 7
T. M. McCLENDON, Overseer

Southern Alabama Camp Meeting
Sunny South Church of God
Near Pine Hill, Ala., July 31-Aug. 9
G. C. DUNN, Overseer

Texas State Convention and Camp Meeting
Weatherford, Texas, Aug. 6-16
T. S. PAYNE, Overseer

Arkansas State Convention and Camp Meeting
Velvet Ridge Church, 10 miles north of Bald Knob, Ark.
Aug. 8-16
J. A. McCULLAR, Overseer

Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C. Convention and Camp Meeting
Near Shiloh, Md., Aug. 20-30
(Convention Aug. 20-23)
W. CARL MILLIGAN, Overseer

Virginia State Convention and Camp Meeting
Roanoke, Va., Aug. 20-30
J. L. DORMAN, Overseer

Letcher, Ky. Dist. Convention

The Letcher, Ky. district convention which convened at Neon, Ky. was truly enjoyed by all attending. The convention opened Friday evening about 8:00 with songs, prayers, and the welcome address by the local pastor and district overseer, W. J. Blair. Responses were given by Brothers Hatfield, Bee Day, Jess Mooney, Lowell McCoy. Brother W. H. Keith brought the message. There were shouts and praises ascending to heaven until midnight.

Service opened Saturday morning at 10:00. Brother Noah Simpkins of McVeigh, Ky. delivered the message. The evening service was one of great rejoicing. The Lord certainly was with us. Brother S. B. McCane sang a special after which he delivered a message.

Sunday's service brought us nearer the close of the convention. Brother Jim Dixon gave a short talk followed by a talk by Brother Cole in interest of young people. Brother J. C. Jernigan followed with a message.

The convention closed with special singing, handshakes, and good-byes. The Lord was with us throughout the convention. Every one present enjoyed himself. Those absent missed a blessing from God. A sister in Christ, Thelma Blair, Seco, Ky.

Phenix City, Ala. District Convention

Thank God for the Phenix City district convention. How the Lord blessed each speaker! It was wonderful. I thank the Lord for the advice and good things Brother Dunn, our state overseer, gave us and also Brother W. L. Collins, our district pastor. He gave everybody a welcome. He has stood by the churches on this district.

We have just closed a revival at the Lanett church which started at the convention. It lasted two weeks. Nine were converted, eight sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the Church of God. The Lanett church is moving on. Brother St. John and I surely enjoyed the good fellowship with the saints in this revival. Dear readers, that is what it takes for the dear Lord to bless.

I ask every one to pray for me and my companion that we will live close to Jesus and do more for Him. Pray for the little church at Alexander City that it will grow and get stronger. Pray for our boy to be saved, also my father. He is seventy years old.—A sister in Christ, Darie St. John, Alexander City, Ala.

Work Started Thru Prayer

YORK, S. C.—Dear readers, I praise the Lord for full salvation. Oh glory! It

is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

The Lord has answered prayer so many times. We have a little work started here in York, Yes, it came through prayer, praise God, and the Lord surely is blessing us with His power from on high. Brother E. L. Jacobs preaches for us each Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. We have no Church of God building in York but we are expecting God to answer more prayers soon.

Praise the Lord for Brother Jacobs. He is on fire for God and a faithful man of God. The little work here is new and we ask all the saints to pray that it may grow and prosper for His glory. We are looking forward to a revival soon. Please pray a special prayer for it to be a revival like God would have it be. We want to see souls pray through to victory.

God is wonderfully blessing at Rock Hill, S. C. Sister Margaret Jacobs is doing the preaching in a revival at this time there. It has even reached unto York. She can and surely does preach the Word of God with mighty force. Remember we earnestly covet your prayers for this work here.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Cleo Montgomery.

Have Much to Praise the Lord For

Dear friends and Evangel readers, I praise the Lord for the privilege I had of working in the revival that has just closed in Selma, N. C., in which sixty were saved, thirty-eight sanctified, twenty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-eight baptized in water, and thirty-eight added to the church. Several gray-haired fathers and mothers said it was the greatest revival that had been in Selma. The presence and power of the Lord met with us every night and sometimes Brother Hathcock would not get to preach, but sinners would fall in the altar and cry and weep their way through to victory. It was wonderful to see the Lord work and we are praising Him for the souls that were blessed and the good that was accomplished, for we realize that He did it all.

They have a good pastor who we feel is doing his very best and has made many sacrifices to keep the church moving on. We feel that God has His hand upon that place. Every one who reads this please pray for Selma. They organized a Y. P. E. and we were glad for the privilege of working with the young people and helping them get started. We feel that the Y. P. E. is going over the top for the Lord and ask every one to pray for them.

I praise the Lord for the way He has blessed and for the privilege of working for Him. I have been working in revivals with Brother Hathcock and wife

since November and I feel they are true servants of God, giving their life and time for Him. I have enjoyed working with them and I appreciate the way they have taken an interest in me. Brother Hathcock has given me the privilege of speaking in every revival in behalf of the Church of God orphanage. The people seem to take an interest in the orphans and say they are going to do more for them. I appreciate the Church of God orphanage and the way I was cared for while there. I know I have much to praise the Lord for and the way He has blessed me since I have been out in the work. I want to devote my time and talent to Him and be a blessing to others. I am planning on going to B. T. S. next term, D. V. and I would be glad that every one would pray that I might get to go. Any one wishing to write me, my home address is 308 North Ave., Sanford, N. C. We just started a revival at Rocky Mount. Special music is being rendered every night. Brother Hathcock is doing the preaching. Please pray that God will give many souls here.—Faithfully yours, Margaret Rowe.

Washington, Pa. Dist. Conv'n.

"Thou art the God that doest wonders." Ps. 77:14.

It is with a full heart that we can report the district convention held at the Church of God at Washington, Pa., May 29-31, Brother R. H. Flinchum, district overseer. From the beginning to the end we could not help but declare the goodness of our God and say, "He is in our midst."

The pastors and evangelists of the district came on fire for God and with Spirit-filled messages, prepared to do their best for God. Our state overseer, Brother Blankenship, gave wonderful messages and splendid advice to ministers, which made us feel and determine to do more than ever for our God and the advancement of the kingdom.

Throughout all the meetings we endeavored to let God have His way. The Spirit took hold of hearts and lives and there was much shouting and praising God, and the Spirit Himself took full charge of the last meeting. Although there was a message assigned, it was not given through man, but God, and there was much weeping and confessing, for right after the first song service souls came to the altar and wept and prayed their way through to victory. Praise His sweet name.

There was a fine representation from each church on the district and all returned home more determined in heart to be faithful and occupy until He comes.—Leota L. Knopp.

Requests

Please pray for Sister Cora Dodson, that the Lord will heal her. She has been in bed two weeks and is trusting the Lord for healing. Also pray for my boy who is sick, to be saved and healed.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. W. C. Hill, Murphy, Okla.

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Pray for my family and my children's families. Pray that I may stay in the center of God's will. I have an unspoken request that I want remembered. Pray for our church which was set in order at Blountsville, Rt. 2, by Brother Hackney, with seven members.—W. A. Wildmon, Rt. 3, Cullman, Ala.

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Please pray for my brothers that they will quit drinking and their souls will be saved. Also pray a special prayer for my husband's stomach. He has a bad stomach trouble and believes in divine healing. I also have three special requests. Pray hard.—Norine Evans, Town Creek, Ala.

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I want you to pray for a little girl who has T. B. Everyone who reads this pray until your prayers go through and I want Brother and Sister Celia Crews to send me an anointed cloth in her behalf. I also have a brother that has fits. Pray for him, also for some unspoken requests.—Mrs. Bessie Franklin, Route 1, Mt. Airy, Ga.

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Please pray a special prayer for me and my home. There are no Church of God people near here. Pray that God will send a revival here so we can attend and carry our children. They've never heard holiness preached. Pray for me to be humble.—Mrs. Marsie Sullivan, Rt. 1, Box 82, Fearn Springs, Miss.

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Please pray a special prayer for my mother-in-law as she is very ill. Pray for my daddy to be healed and saved. He is in very bad health. Also pray for my husband as he has something wrong with his left shoulder and at times can hardly work. Pray for him to receive the Holy Ghost and for us to always be true children of God.—Mrs. Fellon Johns, Millwood, Ga.

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Please pray for me, that the dear Lord will heal my body. I have an aunt in the hospital who requests that all the saints pray for her to be saved and her body healed. Remember my loved ones in prayer, that they may be saved.—Miss Virgie Pollard, Hemphill, W. Va.

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I praise God for His healing power.

Pray that my faith will be stronger and I can let my light shine in this hard place for holiness. There isn't any holiness church anywhere in this part of Robertson county and it surely is a needy place. Pray that the Lord will put it on some one's heart to come up here with a tent. Pray for me and family, that we will be ready to go when He comes.—Mrs. Janie Herring, Fairmont, N. C. Rt. 2, Box 223.

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I am in need of your prayers. Please breathe a word of prayer for me.—Mary Wallace.

God Blessing at Chilhowie, Va.

Dear Evangel readers, we praise God this morning because He has been so good to us here at Chilhowie. God is blessing in a wonderful way since He sent our good pastor this way. Brother Woolwine has put forth every effort to put over the top everything the Assembly passed on. We have paid our forty cents per member drive, aged ministers' fund, mission and orphanage money. Sixteen have united with the church this year. We have also bought a big church lot and built a church since he has been here and are almost out of debt on that. We have a revival on here now with Brother W. R. Messer doing the preaching. Pray for our success that God will give us many souls for our labor.—A brother under the blood, J. B. Moore, Chilhowie, Va.

New Church in Bahamas

Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. Thank God our church is now set in order with ten members. Our church is not finished altogether but since Brother Auten, our district pastor, came in last December, he did all he could and now he has set the church in order. Brother and Sister Finly are here. We had a wonderful convention and I know the Lord was present.

Our overseer has been to Bannerman Town, Wemyso Bight and Waterford. He worked faithfully during his visit. We need three more shutters, two windows and one door. We need more but that is the most important right now. We thank God for such a faithful overseer as he.—Your sister in Christ, Alvira Bethel, Green Castle, Eleuthera, Bah.

Good Report From Flint, Mich.

FLINT, Mich.—I praise God for His goodness to mankind and for the good plan of salvation. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us the past few months. We have been in a revival quite steady since the first of the year. Sister Helen Morrow came here in February and God saved souls, many were benefited in the services. Sister Denny of Ohio came and was

here four weeks. Many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and the Lord has added daily to His Church such as should be saved.

We appreciate our overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister D. G. Phillips. They put forth great efforts for the cause of Christ and His Church. We also appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister L. L. Turner. They are a great blessing to many in this city. We have built a nice church building here and are getting along fine. We also have two other Sunday Schools. We need to labor while it is day, the night of tribulation will soon be upon us.

Our General Overseer, Brother Walker, visited our church following the state convention in Detroit and we all enjoyed having him with us. God gave a great outpouring of the Spirit that evening. We request your prayers that God will always have His way with each one.—A brother in Christ, Jerry Biskner.

NOTICES

We are in a revival at South Lebanon, Ohio, where we have been appointed pastor for the remainder of the Assembly year. Pray much for us.—John D. Raynor, Box 77, South Lebanon, Ohio.

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On July 5, D. V., we will have a Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention of the Columbia district here at Orangeburg, S. C. We extend a special invitation to everybody. Come and get a blessing. Services will be from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Brother Grant, S. S. and Y. P. E. State Supt., will be in charge.—Porter M. White, 15 Palmetto St., Orangeburg, S. C.

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There will be an all-day meeting and dinner on the ground Sunday, July 5, at Blackshear, Ga., under Orion L. Alewine's large gospel tent which is now erected here and we are having a good meeting. I ask the near-by churches, especially on my district, to call off their morning service, and evening service where possible, and come with a well-filled basket and enjoy this great feast with us. At the close of the evening service there will be communion and foot-washing. Every one pray for the revival and this special day.—Yours in His service, James Roberts, Waycross district.

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As I have been appointed district pastor of North St. Joseph district for the rest of the year my address is 411 E. Highland, St. Joseph, Mo.—Jim Foshe.

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Dear Evangel readers, I am open for calls for revival meetings in New Mexico or Colorado. Any one wishing a revival may write me. I stand foursquare for the Church of God.—Grant Stonelake, Gen. Del., Melrose, N. Mex.

EDITORIALS

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she, without mercy, has taken over Ethiopia and no doubt is planning to conquer other kingdoms, we feel that this is the reproduction of the power that was once exercised by that wicked, conquering general, Antiochus Epiphanes. His kingdom finally culminated into the Roman kingdom and it is believed by many that Antichrist will be a reproduction of the spirit and power of this wicked man, and many scriptures make us believe that he will come from the Roman authority. Read Rev. 11:7; 17:8. This proves to my judgment where Antichrist will come from. The first three years of his reign will be that of deception but the rapture will take place before he takes his seat. The last three and a half years of Daniel's one week (Rev. 9:27) will be the worst time the world has ever heard about. In Revelation 4th and 5th chapters we find a glowing description of the saints in glory and many sentences in these two chapters prove that this crowd around the throne are the redeemed saints and they will reign on earth a thousand years, Rev. 5:11, 12. In Rev. 6:1, 2 we have a description of this man of sin coming on the white horse with the bow in his hand and for three and a half years he will put in his time reestablishing the broken-down commerce of the world. Read Rev. 8:23-25. Rev. 6:3 is a description of the red horse which is war. Then we will have the final culmination of all the fury of the enemy of all righteousness and the whole world will be involved in war. This will be a dark day for those who are not ready to meet Jesus.

The Comforter

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could stand by my house and say, This house is mine, walk down the road a hundred yards and say, THAT house is mine. It is the SAME house but it depends upon where I am standing. (To be continued.)

Holy Ghost Leading

TAMPA, Bah., B. W. I.—I praise God this evening that I am still saved. On July 13, 1931, the Lord saved me. I was baptized in water September of the same year by Brother Z. R. Thomas. Praise God for a humble man like that. I tarried until I was endowed with power from on high and on February 4, 1932, I returned to my home parish, St. Elizabeth.

The next night I got a lantern and went to a roadside and began singing some choruses and a crowd of people gathered around. Then I began preaching. It was a strenuous task to preach and sing alone. They could not help me in the

singing, but the Lord helped and that night I had a fine service.

I continued my preaching and on May 16 of the same year our dear overseer, Z. R. Thomas, came down and set the church in order with sixteen members. I got permission from the Tampa, Fla. church, through the overseer, and gave the church a namesake (Tampa). We put up a nice little building, 28x16, and some precious souls are at that place now. I wish here to express my gratitude to the Tampa, Fla. church for her kindness in helping us put a building in St. Elizabeth. Since then we have three other churches in said parish, Mt. View, Outlook, and Fairlook, and I am looking forward for one or two more by the end of this year.

I am now in a new field (Aberdeen) and I can see how the people are taking the words of truth and nowhere to worship. I had one horse, the only one to ride from one church to the other, and I agreed to sell it in order to get something to put up a little building that they may have a place of worship and I now have to travel on foot. From Fairlook to Outlook it is twenty-three miles; from Tampa to Outlook, nine miles; from Tampa to Mt. View, three miles; from Tampa to Fairlook fourteen miles. Sometimes the old enemy tells me that is the way I am going to do all the time, that I'll soon die for want. But the sweet Holy Ghost reminds me that "whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap."

We are in a revival which started May 5. We are having rain every day so we have service in a brother's little home. It would surprise you to see how these folks roll up their pants and come thru the water to services. Eight have received the Holy Ghost, seven sanctified, two seeking at the altar, and three added to the great Church of God. At this little church, Fairlook, we have forty members. Fourteen out of that number are filled with the Holy Ghost.

I ask all who read this to please pray for us over in this hard land of Jamaica. Jamaica is a fair land but hard. One thing I know, I am getting ready to leave this land.—C. A. McIntosh, pastor, Ipswich P. O., St. Elizabeth.

Faith in God Strengthened

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." 2 Chron. 16:9.

I praise God for His goodness and mercy to me. I am glad that He found me when I was a sinner, and I'm so glad to love and trust Him for soul and body. I have found Him to be a friend in time of need.

A few weeks ago I visited my son

in a part of the state where there was no one to pray for the sick, or we did not know of any one. I took fever and was very sick. When I got so sick that I knew I could not bear it much longer the Lord touched my body. I am still very weak but able to be up part of the time. I am so glad that I have been able to trust God and He has been so good to me. I want to trust Him to the end of the way.

I thank my dear friends for their prayers and kindness to me in so many ways. I am also praising God for the way He has answered prayer in letting me see my boy again who had been away so long. I know there is nothing too hard for the God we serve. I told the dear Lord if He would let me hear from him I would testify to it and I am keeping my word to Him who is everything to me. Many thanks to the dear ones who have helped me pray. My faith in God has been strengthened. Glory to His dear name! I feel that I can trust Him more fully. The Lord has given me a little place on the camp ground in answer to prayer. It pays to live for God. I am more determined to go through with the Lord. The battle is almost over, we are near the end of the way. Let's be faithful and let Him have His way.—Margaret Caruthers, Wimauma, Fla.

NOTICES

We are to begin a revival July 5 with Sister Largin in charge. We earnestly request our many friends to pray for this revival. I will say to our good people in Washington, D. C., Maryland, and Delaware, come on, let us rally to the support of our overseer in regard to our camp ground. Our address will be 113 Montgomery St., Milford, Del.—T. J. Looney, pastor.

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There will be an all-day meeting in the tent at Franklin and Main Sts., Niles, Ohio, July 12. Come and bring a well-filled basket and let's enjoy the presence of the Lord. We'll be expecting different Church of God preachers from surrounding churches.—Your for lost souls, Helen L. Morrow, Box 140, Warren, Ohio.

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If any one wants me for a meeting, please get in touch with me at once.—E. C. Mize, Draper, N. C.

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The Crisfield district convention will convene at Crisfield, Maryland, July 10-12. All ministers are expected to be present at the opening service, including our state overseer, W. C. Milligan. We invite one and all to come and enjoy the good blessings with us. The writer will be in charge. Come! We are expecting a wonderful time.—C. J. Abbott, district pastor, 14 Hudson St., Crisfield, Md.



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